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In Senate, January 28, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Crosby of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Motion-Picture Theaters.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., c. 88, § 65, amended.** Section 65 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 65. Cinematograph and moving-picture machine to be licensed; apparatus to be enclosed; provisions not to apply in certain cases.** No cinematograph or similar apparatus ~~involving the use of a combustible film more than 10 inches in length~~ shall be kept, used or exhibited in any building, place of public assemblage or place or building used for entertainment, whether such place or building has been licensed for public entertainment or not, unless a license or permit shall have been first obtained from the insurance commissioner ~~said~~. **Said** cinematograph or similar apparatus shall be placed in an enclosure or booth ~~consisting~~ **constructed** of a steel frame covered with ~~sheet~~ asbestos ~~wood~~ or other ~~fire resisting~~ **fireproof** material approved by the insurance commissioner ~~and~~ or constructed and located in accordance with the specifications hereinafter provided, and the entrances, exits and fire escapes connected with such public building, place of public assemblage or place or building shall be erected in accordance with law; ~~provided that this section and the 5 following~~

~~sections shall not apply to any cinematograph or similar apparatus operated with only cellulose acetate films not more than  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in width and using only an enclosed incandescent lamp; provided further that the manufacturer of such cinematograph or similar apparatus shall apply for and receive the approval of the insurance commissioner and provided further~~ no such cinematograph or similar apparatus shall be used where an admission fee is charged, except in social, fraternal, charitable, religious and educational organizations where the machine so used is owned by said organization and used in the city or town where said organization is located, and the proceeds of such admission fees are to be devoted to the uses of said organization.'