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S. P. 109

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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 Fire Extinguishers.**

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

**R. S., c. 85, § 53-A, additional.** Chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 53-A, to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 53-A. Fire extinguishers. Hotels, lodging houses, places of public assembly, convalescent or nursing homes, homes for children and homes for the aged shall provide fire extinguishers of the type approved by the insurance commissioner or fire inspector in the cellar and at least one in each floor occupied by inmates, lodgers or patients. All extinguishers shall be thoroughly overhauled and put in good operating condition by a competent person at least once each year and more often if required by the insurance commissioner or fire inspector. All extinguishers shall be kept full to the full mark at all times and all chemical soda acid type extinguishers and all foam extinguishers shall be recharged once each year and immediately after use. Extinguishers shall at all times have a suitable tag showing the latest date of servicing and recharging and the name of person, firm or corporation responsible for that servicing and recharging. The public halls and stairways required as a means of egress in hotels,**

asylums, lodging houses, apartment houses, dormitories, two or more stories in height and the building has a capacity of 4 families, or 5 or more persons, shall be adequately lighted by electricity from sunset to sunrise every night. All stairhalls and stairways required as a means of egress, convalescent or nursing homes, homes for the children or aged shall be adequately lighted by electricity from sunset to sunrise each night and at all other times when such means of egress would otherwise be in darkness and such stairhalls, stairways and direct entrances to fire escapes required as a means of exit shall be equipped with illuminated exit signs.'