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House of Representatives, January 29, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Providing for Fire Escapes with the Approval Thereof of the
Insurance Commissioner or Fire Inspector.**

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

R. S., c. 85, § 46, repealed and replaced. Section 46 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 46. Fire escapes for schoolhouses, institutions, hotels, etc., public buildings, office buildings and places of amusement. Each story above the first story of a building used as a schoolhouse, orphan asylum, insane asylum, reformatory, opera house, hall for public assemblies, hotel, boarding or lodging house, accommodating more than 6 persons, or tenement house occupied by more than 2 families or as a workshop, manufactory or store in which more than 10 persons are employed above the first story, or of a building used in any way not named above but which has a similar need of such protection as determined by the insurance commissioner or fire inspector shall be provided with more than one way of egress, by stairways on the inside or fire escapes on the outside of such building. Such stairways and fire escapes shall be so constructed, in such a number, or such size and in such location as to give, in the opinion of the insurance commissioner or fire inspector, safe, adequate and convenient means of

exit, in view of the number of persons who may need to use such stairway or fire escape, shall, at all times, be kept free from obstruction and shall be accessible from each room in each story above the first story. A ladder affixed to any of the premises herein described shall not be considered a fire escape within the meaning of this section.

No individual, partnership or corporation shall offer for sale in this state, any type of fire escape device or fire alarm systems unless first securing approval of the insurance commissioner or fire inspector.'