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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Weeks of So. Portland by request.

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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 Certificates After Fire Inspection of Buildings.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 85, § 50, amended.** Section 50 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 50. Issuance of certificate of sufficiency of safeguards; return.** Whenever the municipal officers or chief of the fire department, upon inspection, find that proper safeguards and precautions for escape in case of fire, or of alarm, have been provided, they shall give to the occupant of such building a certificate, under their hands, of such fact: which shall be valid for + year only from its date; and a reasonable compensation for such inspection shall be paid by the city or town in which any such building is located, by an order drawn upon its treasurer. Such officers shall return to the clerk's office of their town, monthly, a list of such certificates by them issued, which the clerk shall record in a suitable book. so long as there is no change in building or occupancy and all protective devices are properly maintained. Such certificate of sufficiency of safeguards shall bear the facsimile signature of the insurance commissioner and the signature of the municipal officer or chief of the fire department. Such officer shall return to the office of the insurance commis-

sioner, monthly, a list of such certificates by them issued and the insurance commissioner shall maintain a record thereof.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 85, § 51, amended. Section 51 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Certificate posted in building, evidence; penalty for neglect. Every person receiving such certificate provided for in the preceding section shall keep the same posted in such building. Such ~~annual~~ certificate, so posted, is prima facie evidence of the inspection of such building, and of the presence of such suitable safeguards and precaution. Every occupant of such building who neglects or refuses to procure such certificate, or to post the same as aforesaid, forfeits \$10 for every week that he so neglects and refuses.'