

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick by request.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Material Borrowed from State Library.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 6, amended.** Section 6 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 6. Responsibility for books borrowed.** Any person or organization receiving the loan of any books ~~or~~, documents **or other material** from the Maine state library shall be responsible for the full value thereof to the librarian, and in case of the loss of or damage to a volume belonging to a set, shall procure a new volume or be responsible for the value of the set. If any person or organization shall neglect or fail to return any books ~~or~~, documents **or other material** lent to them, or shall return the same in an injured or mutilated condition, after due demand and notice, the librarian may maintain an action at law against such person or organization for the full value ~~of such books or documents~~ thereof. Actions to enforce the liability mentioned in this section may be brought by the librarian in his own name in behalf of the state, and in case of his death or removal, the action shall be prosecuted by his successor.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 118, § 23, amended.** Section 23 of chapter 118 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 23. Wanton injury to books, pictures, statues, etc.** Whoever wantonly mars, defaces or injures a book, picture, statue, ~~or~~ painting **or**

**other object or materials**, belonging to any public library, or library of any association open to the public, or to any literary or educational institution, or any statue erected in any public park or square, or upon any ground open to the public, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.'