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In Senate, February 18, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Regulating Locksmiths.

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

R. S., c. 88, §§ 113-A - 113-H, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 8 new sections to be numbered 113-A to 113-H, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Locksmiths

Sec. 113-A. Definitions. "Locksmith," as used in sections 113-A to 113-H, inclusive, shall mean any person whose trade or occupation, in whole or in part, is the making or fashioning of keys for locks or similar devices, or who constructs, reconstructs or repairs or adjusts locks, or who opens or closes locks for others by mechanical means other than with the regular keys furnished for that purpose by the manufacturers of the locks.

Sec. 113-B. Permit. No person shall engage in the business of locksmith, or practice or follow the trade or occupation of locksmith without a permit therefor from the municipal officers of a city or town.

Such permit shall be issued only upon the verified application of the individual seeking the permit. The application shall be upon a form prescribed by the municipal officers and shall set forth the proposed location

of the applicant's place of business, the names and addresses of 5 character references and such other things as the municipal officers may require to determine the character, honesty and trustworthiness of the applicant. Specimen fingerprints of the applicant shall be furnished with the application, if requested.

Sec. 113-C. Fees. Each application for a permit shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10 and each application for the annual renewal thereof, by a fee of \$5. Each permit, unless sooner revoked, shall expire on December 31st next following the date of issuance. Each permit shall bear a serial number.

Sec. 113-D. Issuance and denial of permits. The municipal officers shall cause an investigation to be made upon each application and if the municipal officers find that the applicant's reputation for honesty is good, that he has not used his skill or knowledge as locksmith to commit or aid the commission of burglaries, larcenies, thefts or other crimes, that he intends honestly and fairly to practice the trade of locksmith in a lawful manner and that he has not been convicted of felony, then the permit shall issue; otherwise it shall be denied.

Sec. 113-E. Records. Each permittee must keep a book, which shall be open to inspection by any police officer at all times, in which the following must be entered:

- I. The name and address of every person for whom a key is made by code or number.
- II. The name and address of every person for whom a locked automobile, building, structure, house or store, whether vacant or occupied, is opened or a key fitted thereto.

Sec. 113-F. Keys stamped. It shall be unlawful for any locksmith to fail to stamp the serial number of his permit upon any key made, repaired, sold or given away by him.

Sec. 113-G. Signs displayed. Every locksmith shall display in a conspicuous manner in the place where he is carrying on such business, trade or occupation, a sign of a style, size and color to be prescribed by said municipal officers, reading, "Licensed Locksmith," together with the official permit number.

Sec. 113-H. Revocation of permits. The municipal officers may revoke or suspend any permit issued hereunder upon any of the following grounds:

- I. Misrepresentation in obtaining such permit;

- II. Violation of any provision of sections 113-A to 113-H, inclusive;
- III. That the permittee has committed or aided in the commission of or in the preparation for the commission of any crime by the use of his skill or knowledge as a locksmith or by using or letting the use of his tools, equipment, facilities or supplies.'