

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1143**

H. P. 1024

House of Representatives, February 25, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and or-

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stewart of Portland by request.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Requiring Professional Bondsmen to be Licensed and Bonded.**

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

**R. S., c. 134, §§ 33, 34, 35, additional.** Chapter 134 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 33, 34 and 35, to read as follows:

**‘Professional Bondsmen**

**Sec. 33. Bondsmen licensed.** The governor with the advice and consent of the council may license as a bondsman any person offering to recognize before any trial justice, judge of a municipal court or bail commissioner, as surety for the appearance before the superior court, of any respondent in a criminal prosecution, whether such respondent be an appellant from the finding of a trial justice, or judge of the municipal court, or be ordered to recognize to await the action of the grand jury or be arrested in vacation on *capias* issued on an indictment pending in such superior court, to serve for the term of 4 years, unless such license is sooner revoked for cause.

Each such person so licensed before receiving his commission shall give bond in the sum of \$50,000 to the treasurer of state, with the bond of either

a surety company authorized to do business in this state as a surety, or 3 persons with sufficient surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of duties of his office, and to answer for all neglect and misdoings therein.

Sec. 34. Approval of bond; filed with state auditor. Each such bondsman having executed the required bond shall file it in the office of the secretary of state for approval and, after the bond has been so approved, the secretary of state shall record it and certify the fact thereon and, retaining a copy thereof, deliver the original to the bondsman who shall deliver it to the state auditor within 20 days after its approval, to be filed in his office.

Sec. 35. Application. No person shall be precluded from being a professional bondsman by reason of his being an attorney at law, providing nevertheless that no attorney at law shall make an appearance in any case where he has furnished bond.'