

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Charles of Portland by request.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT to Incorporate the Equitable Loan Co.**

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

**Sec. 1. Corporators; corporate name; powers and privileges.** Allan Shapiro, Ethel Shapiro, George H. Sterns, Florence S. Sterns and Ruth H. Sterns, all of Waterville, in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine, or such of them as may vote to accept this charter, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate to be known as the "Equitable Loan Co.," and as such shall have the power to enact suitable by-laws and regulations, and elect such officers as it deems desirable to effect its corporate purposes and be possessed of all the powers, privileges and immunities and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred on corporations by the general corporation law of this state.

**Sec. 2. Principal office.** The principal office and place of business in Maine is to be located in the town of Skowhegan, county of Somerset, or as fixed by the directors.

**Sec. 3. Purposes.** The purpose for which this corporation is formed and the nature of the business to be conducted by it are as follows: to borrow money and secure the payment thereof by pledging its assets or any part thereof; to engage in the business of making loans of \$2,500 or less under the provisions of sections 210 to 227, inclusive, of chapter 59 of the revised statutes of 1954, and acts amendatory thereof or additional thereto; provided, however, that it shall obtain a license from the Bank Commissioner, as provided in said sections; to take over the small loan business of Allan Shapiro of Waterville, doing business under the firm name and style of Equitable Loan Co., in said Skowhegan; and to as-

sume all outstanding obligations of the said Allan Shapiro incurred by him in the conduct of the said business.

**Sec. 4. Capital stock.** The corporation may determine the capital stock of the said corporation and the division of same into shares, either of par or non-par, common or preferred, and the amount of dividend to be paid or declared thereon; with the right to change the capital stock by majority vote of the holders of stock issued and outstanding, and having voting power, the fees therefor to be paid as prescribed by the laws of Maine.

**Sec. 5. Subject to supervision of Bank Commissioner.** The corporation shall be subject to the supervision of the Bank Commissioner and he shall have the same authority over it as he has over savings banks, trust companies and loan and building associations.

**Sec. 6. First meeting, how called.** Any 3 of the incorporators named in this act may call the 1st meeting of the corporation by mailing a written notice signed by 3 incorporators, postage paid, to each of the other incorporators, 5 days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purpose of such meeting; and at such meeting the necessary officers may be chosen, by-laws adopted and any other corporate business transacted; provided that without such notice, all such incorporators may meet voluntarily at any time and effect their organization by electing officers, adopting by-laws and transacting other lawful business.

**Sec. 7. Fee payable to Secretary of State.** The certificate mentioned in section 5 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes of 1954 shall not be received and filed by the Secretary of State except upon payment to him for the use of the state of the sum of \$500, in addition to the fees prescribed by section 12 of said chapter 53.