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No. 1171

S. P. 420

In Senate, March 2, 1955.

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Public Buildings to be Safely Constructed.

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

R. S., c. 97, §§ 48-A - 48-B, additional. Chapter 97 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 48-A and 48-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 48-A. Construction permit, when required. No person, firm or corporation shall construct a public building, schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, theater or other place of public assembly to which admission is to be charged or any building to be state owned or operated, without first obtaining from the Insurance Commissioner a permit therefor; and if any such building be damaged by fire or otherwise to the extent of 50% or more, no person, firm or corporation shall repair or reconstruct such building without first obtaining from the Insurance Commissioner a permit therefor. A request for a permit shall be accompanied by a true copy of the plans and specifications for such construction or reconstruction. The Commissioner shall issue a permit only if the plans comply with statutes and lawful regulations promulgated to reduce fire hazards.

Sec. 48-B. Penalty. Whoever shall construct or reconstruct a public building, schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, theater or other place of public assembly to which admission is to be charged or any building to be owned or operated by the State, without first obtaining the permit required by the preceding section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.'