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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Employment Offices.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 145, amended. The 1st 3 sentences of section 145 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'No person shall open, keep or carry on any employment agency in the State, unless such person shall first procure a license therefor from the municipal officers of the city or town where such employment agency is to be located. ~~Any person who shall open or conduct any such agency without first procuring such license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300, or by imprisonment for not less than 1 month nor more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.~~ Such license shall be granted upon the payment to the city or town treasurer, annually, of a fee of ~~\$25~~ \$100 for the use of said city or town; ~~the~~. The license shall be signed by a majority of the municipal officers, and shall continue in force from May 1st to May 1st of the succeeding year.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 148, amended. Section 148 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 148. Receipt given to applicants for employment.** Every licensee shall give to each applicant for employment from whom a fee or other valuable thing shall be received for procuring such employment, or to whom a charge is made therefor, which fee or other valuable thing shall in no case exceed ~~the sum of \$1~~ if paid in advance, or ~~\$1.25~~ if charged to the applicant, a receipt, if said fee is paid in advance, or a statement if it is charged 50% of the first full week's wages, a receipt, in which shall be stated the name of the applicant, the amount

of the fee or other valuable thing, the date, the name or nature of the employment or situation to be procured, and the name and address of the person, firm or corporation to whom the applicant is referred or sent for work or employment. Such fee shall be in full compensation for all service of said licensee. ~~If the applicant does not obtain a situation or employment through the agency of such licensee within 6 days after the application as aforesaid, said licensee shall return to said applicant on demand the amount of the fee or other valuable thing so paid and delivered by said applicant to said licensee, or if a charge was made, said licensee shall cancel the same, provided that said person seeking employment through such agency does not break any agreement he may make with said licensee relative to time of entering into the employment sought for.~~ The person to be employed must be furnished with a duplicate card showing name, last residence and name and residence of nearest relative or friend. No licensee shall by himself, agent or otherwise induce or attempt to induce any employee to leave his employment with a view to obtaining other employment through such agency.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 100, § 149, amended. The 1st sentence of section 149 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No licensee under the provisions of section 145 shall send, or cause any ~~female help or servant, or inmate or performer~~ applicant to be sent to any questionable place or place of bad repute, house of ill fame or assignation house, or to any house or place of amusement kept for immoral purposes, or place resorted to for the purpose of prostitution, vice or gambling, the character of which such licensee knows, either actually or by reputation.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 100, § 151, amended. Section 151 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 151. Penalty and jurisdiction.** Whoever violates any provision of sections 145 to 152, inclusive, ~~except as is otherwise provided~~ shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$25 with costs of prosecution~~ **\$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.** Trial justices shall have jurisdiction of such offenses, and in default of payment may commit the respondent to the county jail or house of correction for a period of not more than 30 days. Any municipal officer may institute criminal proceedings to enforce the provisions of said sections.'