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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Dance Hall Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 57, repealed and replaced. Section 57 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 57. Dance hall license. A person may not operate a building or part of a building for dancing purposes, habitually or occasionally, without first obtaining a license from the Insurance Commissioner.

I. Inspection. On receipt of an application for a license, the commissioner shall have the building inspected to determine whether it has proper entrances, exits and fire escapes, and whether it is structurally safe.

II. License issued. If the building meets the requirements of this section and the regulations adopted under it, the commissioner shall issue a license to the applicant on payment of a fee of \$25. The fees shall be credited to the Division of Fire Prevention to defray the expenses of the division, and shall remain a continuing carrying balance. The license must contain the name of the owner of the building, the name and location of the building, the size of the dance area and the name of the operator. The license is valid for one year from the date of issue.

III. License posted. On receipt of the license, the applicant shall post it in a conspicuous place in the part of the building used for dancing.

IV. Regulations. The commissioner shall adopt and may amend, after notice and public hearing, necessary regulations concerning fire protection, fire prevention and structural safety of a building regulated by this section.

V. Suspension or revocation. After notice and public hearing, the commissioner shall suspend or revoke the license of a person who violates a regulation adopted by the commissioner under this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 57-A, additional. Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 57-A, to read as follows :

'**Sec. 57-A. Public dance; police protection; sanitary facilities.** The operator of a public dance to which minors are admitted in a pavilion, hall or other building must have a police officer present during the dance and must provide separate toilet facilities in the building for men and women.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 100, § 58, repealed and replaced. Section 58 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 58. Violations.** Any person who violates a provision of section 57 or 57-A or who violates a regulation adopted by the commissioner under section 57 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.'