

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 225.

AN ACT to provide for the more effectual suppression of Houses of Ill-Fame.

Warrant to authorize search of houses of ill fame to be issued in certain cases.

Overscers may search any house day or night for females of loose character — resistance punished.

Persons who may entice females to house of ill fame to be punished in State Prison.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That any Judge of a Municipal Court, or Justice of the Peace, on complaint duly made on oath by any two or more Overseers of the Poor of any City, Town or Plantation in this State, that they have reason to believe, that a certain house, or certain houses, to be designated in such complaint are houses of ill fame, and are resorted to for the purposes of lewdness or prostitution, and that they have cause to suspect, that a female, naming her, has been inveigled, deluded, or enticed, to one of the aforesaid houses, for the purpose of lewdness or prostitution, may issue his warrant directed to any Sheriff or his Deputy, or to any Constable of any such City, Town or Plantation, authorizing him, attended by such overseers, to enter said house or houses, by day or by night, in search of any such female, and any resistance which may be made, to the entrance of any such officer, so attended, by the occupants of such house, or by any other person shall be punished in manner provided, for the punishment of resistance to any warrant issued, by such Judge of any Municipal Court or Justice of the Peace.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, inveigling, deluding or enticing, or any one aiding or abetting, in so inveigling, deluding or enticing any female, before reputed virtuous, to a house of ill fame, or concealing or aiding and abetting in the concealment of any such female, so inveigled, deluded or enticed, to any such house of ill fame, for the purpose of lewdness or prostitution, on conviction thereof, before the Court of Common Pleas, shall be liable to imprisonment to hard labor, in the State Prison for a term of not less than one, nor more than five years.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any person who shall be convicted, before any tribunal competent to try the same, of keeping a house of ill fame, resorted to for purposes of prostitution or lewdness, shall be punished for the first offence, by confinement in the County Jail, for a term not less than three, nor more than six months, and for any subsequent conviction for such offence, by imprisonment in the State Prison to hard labor for a term, not less than one, nor more than three years.

Persons keeping house of ill fame to be punished for first offence in county jail, and for subsequent offences in State Prison.

[Approved by the Governor, March 24, 1836.]

Chapter 226.

AN ACT concerning Stud Horses.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That from and after the passage of this Act every Stud Horse of two years old and upwards, which shall be owned and kept for the use of mares in any city, town, or plantation in this State the owner thereof shall pay thirty dollars annually to the Treasurer of such city, town or plantation.

Owners of stud horses kept for mares to pay in to town treasury annually \$30.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever any person or persons shall bring any Stud Horse into this State with intent to keep the same for the use of mares, he or they shall bring a certificate signed by the Mayor, Selectmen, or Assessors and countersigned by the Clerk of the city, town or plantation, where such Stud Horse may have previously been owned and kept, stating the name of the owner or owners, and the name of such stud horse with a description of his color, pedigree and age as near as may be; which certificate such person or persons shall lodge with the Clerk of the city, town, or plantation, where he or they may first

Persons bringing stud horses into this State must bring certificate of age, pedigree, color, and where previously owned, and lodge same with town clerk &c.