

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1878.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.
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Chapter 78.

An act concerning Tramps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Begging, &c.,
prohibited.

SECT. 1. No person not a resident of this state, shall travel from town to town, or from place to place in any town, begging for food or shelter, nor shall such person sleep or lodge in any barn or other building without the consent of the owner thereof.

Penalty for vio-
lating the fore-
going section.

—proceedings.

SECT. 2. Any person violating the provisions of the foregoing section shall be deemed a tramp, and on complaint of any resident of this state, made before any trial justice or municipal or police court, may be arrested on a warrant issued therefor, or may be arrested by any constable or other officer and detained not exceeding twenty-four hours until such warrant can be obtained ; and upon trial and conviction, such justice or court may sentence him to pay a fine of twenty dollars, and in default of payment, he shall be sent by said justice or court to the nearest county jail having a workshop attached, to be there confined at hard labor not less than four months for the first offense, and for any subsequent offense not less than six months.

Fees of officers.

SECT. 3. The fees of officers and justices shall be the same as for arrest and trial of common vagrants, except that the officers' fees for commitment shall be one dollar and a half for each day necessarily employed and actual expenses of transportation ; all costs to be paid by the state, upon the order of the county commissioners, out of the state pauper fund ; *provided*, the governor and council shall be satisfied the person confined is a tramp, having no pauper settlement in this state.

When costs to be
paid by state.

Approved February 21, 1878.