

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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**Chapter 298.**

An Act relating to Hawkers and Peddlers.

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

SECT. 1. No person shall go about from town to town, or from place to place in the same town, exposing for sale or selling, any goods or chattels other than fruit grown in the United States, fruit trees, provisions, live animals, brooms, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, books, pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States, the products of his own labor or the labor of his family, any patent of his own invention, or in which he has become interested by being a member of any firm, or stockholder in any corporation which has purchased the patent, until he shall have procured a license so to do as hereinafter provided.

Peddling without a license, forbidden.

—exceptions.

SECT. 2. The secretary of state shall grant a license, to go about exposing for sale and selling, any goods, wares or merchandise, to any citizen of the United States who files in his office a certificate signed by the mayor of a city, or by a majority of the selectmen of a town, stating to their best knowledge and belief that the applicant therein named is of good moral character ; but such license shall be granted to no other person. The mayor or selectmen before granting such certificate, shall require the applicant to make oath, that he is the person named therein and that he is a citizen of the United States, and the mayor or said selectmen are hereby authorized to administer said oath.

Secretary of state shall license, and whom.

SECT. 3. The secretary shall cause to be inserted in every such license the names of such cities and towns as the applicant selects, with the sums to be paid to the respective treasurers thereof, as provided in the following section, and shall receive from the applicant one dollar for each city and town so inserted. Every person so licensed may sell as aforesaid, in any city or town mentioned in his license, any goods, wares or merchandise, upon first paying the required sum to the treasurer of such city or town, who shall certify on the face of said license the sum so paid.

What shall be inserted in license.

—fees.

SECT. 4. Every person licensed under the two preceding sections, shall pay to the treasurer of each city or town mentioned in his license, the sums following : for every town con-

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taining not more than one thousand inhabitants, according to the United States census next preceding the date of his license, three dollars; for towns containing more than one thousand and less than two thousand inhabitants, six dollars; and for every thousand inhabitants in excess of two thousand, two dollars, provided, that the sum so to be paid to any such treasurer shall in no case exceed twenty dollars.

State licenses.

—fee.

—county licenses.

—fee.

Disabled soldiers and sailors, exempted from payment of fees.

Record of licenses.

Fees, how disposed of.

License to be exhibited when required.

—penalty.

SECT. 5. The secretary, upon conditions required in section two, may grant special state licenses, upon the payment by the applicant of fifty dollars for each license, and the person so licensed may expose for sale and sell, in any city or town in this state, any goods, wares or merchandise. He may also grant as aforesaid, upon the payment by the applicant of one dollar for each county mentioned therein, special county licenses, and the person so licensed, upon paying to the treasurer of each county mentioned in said license, the sum of five dollars, may expose for sale and sell, within such counties, any tin, britannia, glass, earthen, iron or wooden wares manufactured in the United States. The respective county treasurers, upon receipt of the aforesaid sum, shall certify on the face of said license the amount so received.

SECT. 6. Any soldier or sailor disabled in the war for the suppression of the rebellion, or by sickness or disability contracted therein or since his discharge from service, shall be exempt from paying the license fees required by this chapter.

SECT. 7. The secretary of state and the treasurers of counties, cities and towns, shall severally keep records of all licenses upon which the sums herein provided have been paid to them, with the number of each, the names and residences of the persons licensed, and the sums received thereon, and all such records shall be open for public inspection.

SECT. 8. All sums paid to the secretary under this chapter shall be for the use of the state, and all sums paid to the treasurer of a county, city or town, shall be for the use of such county, city or town, provided, however, that the fee of one dollar paid for each license, shall be for the personal use of said secretary.

SECT. 9. Every person licensed to peddle, as hereinbefore provided, when his license is demanded of him by a mayor, alderman, selectman, sheriff or his deputy, constable or police officer, shall forthwith exhibit it, and if he neglects or

refuses so to do, shall be subject to the same penalty as if he had no license. A synopsis of this chapter shall be printed on every license.

SECT. 10. Whoever goes from town to town, or from place to place in the same town, carrying for sale or exposing for sale, any goods, wares or merchandise, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for each offense.

Penalty for peddling without license.

SECT. 11. All licenses granted under this chapter shall bear date the day on which they are issued, and shall continue in force one year.

Licenses, when dated.

SECT. 12. Sheriffs and their deputies, constables and police officers, shall arrest and prosecute every person within their jurisdiction whom they have reason to believe to be guilty of violation of any of the provisions of this act; and one-half of any fine recovered under section eleven of this act shall inure to the prosecutor, the balance to the town or city in which the offense was committed.

Enforcement of act.

—fines, how disposed of.

SECT. 13. Trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of all offenses committed under this chapter.

Jurisdiction of officers.

SECT. 14. The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to commercial agents, selling goods by sample to dealers only.

Commercial agents, exempt from provisions.

SECT. 15. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

SECT. 16. This act shall not take effect until July fifteen, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

When act shall take effect.

Approved March 12, 1889.

### Chapter 299.

An Act to prohibit the sale of Votes.

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

SECT. 1. Whoever shall offer, or promise, or agree to receive any money or other valuable consideration for giving in his vote at any election held under the provisions of the constitution or of the fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes

Penalty, if any person shall sell his vote.