

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1899.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

Chapter 132.

An Act relative to the Desecration, Mutilation or improper use of the Flag of the United States or of this State.

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

Any person who in any manner, for exhibition or display, places or causes to be placed any inscription, device, advertisement or notice whatever upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or state flag of this state, or who displays or exhibits or causes to be displayed or exhibited any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or flag of this state upon which shall in any manner be placed or affixed any inscription, device, advertisement or notice whatever, or any person who shall attach to or represent upon any goods, wares or merchandise, any imitation or representation of the national flag of the United States, or use any imitation or representation of the national flag of the United States for advertising purposes or who in any manner mutilates, tramples upon or otherwise defaces or defiles any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether they are public or private property, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars. Provided, however, that flags, standards, colors or ensigns, the property of or used in the service of the United States, or of this state, may have inscriptions, names of actions, words, marks or symbols, placed thereon pursuant to law or authorized regulations, and that associations organized by men who have served in the army or navy of the United States may place appropriate inscriptions upon flags borne by them or used for memorial purposes, and duly appointed and accredited committees of political parties, may during the campaign preceding any election for president and vice-president of the United States, attach the names of their respective candidates to the flag.

Placing upon the flag of the United States for exhibition, any inscription, advertisement, or notice, prohibited.

—how punished.

—inscriptions, symbols, etc., may be placed on flag pursuant to law, etc.

Approved March 17, 1899.