

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1907.

Chapter 189.

An Act prohibiting Publications relating to Patent or other Medicines in language of immoral tendency, or of ambiguous character, and protecting the public against the dangers from the indiscriminate distribution of samples of Medicine.

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

Section 1. The publication or sale within this state of any circular, pamphlet, or book containing recipes or prescriptions for the cure of chronic female complaints or private diseases, or recipes or prescriptions for drops, pills, tinctures, or other compounds designed to prevent conception, or tending to produce miscarriage or abortion is hereby prohibited; and for each copy thereof, so published and sold, containing such prohibited recipes or prescriptions, the publisher and seller shall each be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the same penalties provided for a violation of the preceding section. Any person or persons, their agents or clerks, who shall fail to comply with the requirements herein expressed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or both, for each and every offense.

Publication or sale of certain circulars, etc., prohibited.

—penalty for violation.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation who, by himself, his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person or firm, shall leave, throw, or deposit, or have in his possession with intent to leave, throw or deposit upon the doorstep, hall, porch, doorway, vestibule, or premises owned or occupied by another, any patent or proprietary medicine or any preparation, pill, tablet, or drug that contains poison or other ingredient deleterious to health, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one year.

Penalty for throwing or leaving samples of patent medicines upon door steps, etc.

Approved March 28, 1907.