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CHAP. 96 respective dockets of the court in these counties, and continued to the next term of court, which, with respect to all legal procedure, shall be regarded as the return term, and shall have day in said term of court and be heard and disposed of as if said term had been holden at the time when said processes were made returnable.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 96.

An Act to Prevent Usury by Foreign Corporations.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Acting as agent to evade usury laws in other state, unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or partnership to engage within this state in the business of acting as the agent or attorney of non-resident borrowers of money in sums of three hundred dollars or less, with intent to evade the usury laws in force in the foreign state or territory in which the actual borrower has his residence when such loan, or any contract in connection therewith, is made.

All loans in violation of this act voidable.

All such loans made, or contracted for, by such agent or attorney for a foreign principal, in violation of this act, shall be voidable at the option of the debtor, such option to be exercised by him in any foreign jurisdiction where any contract or promise made by him in connection with the making or procuring such loan is attempted to be enforced.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 97.

An Act Prohibiting Certain Forms of Prostitution and Providing for the Competency of Certain Evidence at the Trial Thereof.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Procurator constituted to be a felony.

Section 1. Any person who shall procure a female inmate for a house of prostitution; or who shall induce, persuade, encourage, inveigle, or entice a female person to become a prostitute; or who by promises, threats, violence or by any device or scheme, shall cause, induce, persuade, inveigle, take, place, harbor, encourage or entice a female person to become an inmate of a house of prostitution, or assignation place, or any place where prostitution is practiced, encouraged, or allowed; or any person who by promises, threats, violence, or by any device or scheme, shall cause, induce, persuade, encourage, inveigle or

entice an inmate of a house of prostitution or place of assignation to remain therein as such inmate, or any person who, by promises, threats, violence, by any device or scheme, by fraud or artifice, or by duress of person, of goods, or by abuse of any position of confidence or authority, or having legal charge, shall take, place, harbor, enveigle, entice, persuade, encourage or procure any female person to enter any place within this state in which prostitution is practised, encouraged or allowed, for the purpose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose; or any person who shall enveigle, entice, persuade, encourage or procure any female person to come into this state or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose; or who takes or detains a female with the intent to compel her by force, threats, menace, or duress to marry him or to marry any other person or to be defiled; or upon the pretense of marriage takes or detains a female person for the purpose of sexual intercourse; or who shall receive or give or agree to receive or give any money or thing of value for procuring or attempting to procure any female person to become a prostitute or to come into this state or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than twenty years.

—punishment.

Section 2. Any person who by force, fraud, intimidation or threats places or leaves, or procures any other person or persons to place or leave, his wife in a house of prostitution or to lead a life of prostitution shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than twenty years.

Placing of a wife in house of prostitution, a felony.

—punishment.

Section 3. Any person who shall knowingly accept, receive, levy or appropriate any money or other valuable thing, without consideration, from the proceeds of the earnings of any woman engaged in prostitution, shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than twenty years. Any such acceptance, receipt, levy or appropriation of such money or valuable thing, shall, upon any proceeding or trial for violation of this section, be presumptive evidence of lack of consideration.

Acceptance of money from woman engaged in prostitution, a felony.

—punishment.

Section 4. Any person who attempts to detain any female person in a house of prostitution, assignation place, or any place where prostitution is practised, encouraged or allowed,

Detention of female in house of prostitution on account of debt, a felony.

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—punishment.

Transportation of female persons for purpose of prostitution, a felony.

Section 5. Any person who shall knowingly transport or cause to be transported, or aid or assist in obtaining transportation for, by any means of conveyance into, through or across this state, any female person for the purpose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose, or with the intent and purpose to induce, entice or compel such female person to become a prostitute, shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than twenty years. Any person who commits the crime mentioned in this section may be prosecuted, indicted, tried and convicted in any county or city in or through which he shall have transported or attempted to transport any female person as aforesaid.

—punishment.

—may be tried and convicted in any county.

No defense if prohibited acts were committed outside this state.

Section 6. It shall not be a defense to a prosecution for any of the acts prohibited in the foregoing sections that any part of such act or acts shall have been committed outside this state, and the offense in such case shall be deemed and alleged to have been committed and the offender tried and punished in any county in which the prostitution was intended to be practised or in which the offense was consummated, or any overt act in furtherance of the offense shall have been committed.

Female persons referred to in this act shall be competent witnesses.

Section 7. Any such female person referred to in the foregoing sections shall be a competent witness in any prosecution under this act to testify for or against the accused as to any transaction, or as to any conversation with the accused, or by him with another person or persons in her presence, notwithstanding her having married the accused before or after the violation of any of the provisions of this act, whether called as a witness during the existence of the marriage or after its dissolution.

Evidence of general reputation of house admissible.

Section 8. In any prosecution under this act evidence of the general reputation or common fame of a house or place shall be admissible for the purpose of proving that the house or place is one of ill fame, prostitution or assignation.

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