

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session of the  
Seventy-Seventh Legislature held in 1916.

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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'Sec. 100. May increase capital to two million; individual holder may acquire fifty shares. The capital to be accumulated shall not exceed two million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of the ultimate value of two hundred dollars each. The shares may be issued in quarterly, half yearly, or yearly series, in such amounts and at such times as the members may determine. No person shall hold more than fifty shares in the capital of any such association. No shares of a prior series shall be issued after the issue of a new series.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

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## Chapter 209.

An Act Additional to Chapter One Hundred Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes  
Relating to the Enforcement of the Laws against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

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

R. S., c. 127, relating to gambling, sale of intoxicating liquors, etc., amended. Chapter one hundred twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

'Sec. 55. Express companies, etc. to require receipt from consignee or agent, before delivery of intoxicants; penalty for violation. It shall be unlawful for any transportation company, express company, corporation or individual to deliver any intoxicating liquors at any place other than the regular place of business of said company or individual or to deliver any intoxicating liquors to any person, firm or corporation other than the person, firm or corporation to whom it has been consigned, unless upon the written order in each instance of the bona fide consignee, or to any fictitious person, or to any person under a fictitious name; and in all cases, before delivery is made, said company or individual shall require the consignee, or his agent, in each instance duly authorized thereto in writing, personally to sign a receipt in a book kept for such purpose, which said receipt shall reveal the name of the person to whom the liquors were shipped, the amount and kind and the date when delivered and the persons by whom and to whom delivered, except that in case of partnership and corporations, a partner or duly authorized officer of the corporation may receipt for liquors consigned to their principals, and the book of receipts above described shall be kept permanently in such places of business and shall be open to inspection by any state, county or municipal officer during regular business hours, and such book shall constitute prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated and be admissible as evidence in any court in this state having jurisdiction over offenses named in this chapter and chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes. Any officer of any transportation company or express company or any other person who knowingly delivers intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions hereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars and costs and be imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six months and in default of payment of said fine and costs he shall be imprisoned six months additional. Any person who knowingly receipts for any intoxicating liquors

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contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of forgery and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two months.'

'**Sec. 56. Penalty for loitering about streets or buildings, with intoxicating liquor about person.** No person shall loiter on or about the streets and highways or in or about any building or place of business in this state with intoxicating liquors about his person. Whoever violates this section shall be fined one hundred dollars and costs and be imprisoned thirty days, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, he shall be imprisoned sixty days additional.'

'**Sec. 57. All liquors with alcohol as an ingredient to be plainly labeled showing percentage, etc.; penalty for violation.** All ale, beer and other liquors kept for sale in this state of which alcohol is an ingredient or constituent part, shall be plainly labeled by having conspicuously affixed on the vessels in which they are contained, a paper label showing in print the percentage of alcohol contained in said liquors. Any liquors not so labeled shall be deemed to be intoxicating liquors within the meaning of the statute, shall be subject to seizure and shall be disposed of in the manner provided for disposing of intoxicating liquors. Any person who keeps and offers for sale any such liquors not so labeled shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars and costs and be imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six months, and in default of payment of said fine and costs he shall be imprisoned six months additional.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

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## Chapter 210.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-three of Chapter Nine of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Taxation of Owners of Parlor Cars.

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

**R. S., c. 9, § 33, relating to taxation of owners of parlor cars, amended.** Section thirty-three of chapter nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "six" in the fifth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word 'nine' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 33. Tax increased from six to nine per cent of gross receipts.** Every corporation or person owning or operating parlor or other cars for which extra compensation is charged for riding therein over any of the railroads of the state shall annually on the first day of September, pay to the treasurer of state for the use of the state an annual excise tax for the privilege of exercising its franchise in the state, equal to nine per cent of its or his gross receipts from business done wholly in the state, for the year ending June thirtieth next preceding.'

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