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Chapter 185.

An Act to Amend Chapter Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Cinematograph and Moving Pictures.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 18; relating to penalty for violation of provisions relative to moving picture machines, repealed and chapter supplemented. Chapter thirty-two, revised statutes, is hereby amended by repealing section eighteen, chapter thirty-two, and by inserting the following sections after section seventeen of said chapter so that, as amended, said sections shall read as follows:

'Sec. 18. Asbestos booths may be used for moving picture machines in open air or tents. For exhibition of moving pictures in the open air or in a tent a portable asbestos booth may be used provided such booth meets the specifications hereinafter set forth, and while in use shall be located not less than three hundred feet from any building or woods.'

'Sec. 19. Size of booth. The portable asbestos booth shall be at least six feet six inches in height by five feet no inches square, and is designed for use for one picture machine only. The frame shall be of standard pipe, angle ventilator trap and fittings, shall conform to the specifications herein set forth. The four corner posts shall be of three-fourths inch standard pipe, the eight horizontal members of one-half inch standard pipe, and the eight corner fittings of malleable iron or bronze casting, with braced corners. The ventilator trap shall be made of one inch by one inch by one-eighth inch angles on all sides, shall extend the full width of the top and two inches beyond the front of the top pipe, shall be securely hinged one foot ten inches from the front, and the corners shall be braced with one-eighth inch gusset plate bolted to each angle with three-sixteenths inch bolts.'

'Sec. 20. Specifications. The sides shall be of plain commercially pure asbestos cloth weighing not less than two pounds to the square yard, which shall be in one piece, long enough to lap over not less than two feet no inches where it comes together around the booth, and shall be not less than seven feet six inches in width so as to lap on the floor; it shall be held in place by substantial metal hooks over the top pipe and with snap catches or asbestos cord on the bottom pipe, such hooks, bottom catches or cord to be not more than eight inches on centers. The top shall be covered with asbestos cloth of the same quality as the sides, which shall be of sufficient size to hang down on all sides at least eight inches; it shall be provided with metal hooks or asbestos cord which shall hook or lace onto the pipe, to hold it in place. The floor shall be covered with an asbestos mat of the same material not less than one foot no inches

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larger than the booth on all sides; and held in place when in use with heavy thumb tacks.'

'**Sec. 21. Entrance and exit.** The overlapping sides shall form the entrance and exit of the booth. All raw edges of asbestos cloth shall be bound or hemmed at least one inch deep.'

'**Sec. 22. Ventilation.** The angle ventilator described in section fifteen shall be so arranged that it may be raised at least one foot no inches above the top pipe of the booth, and held by a toggle joint, or other approved device, whereby, in case of accident, it can be instantly dropped.'

'**Sec. 23. Apertures.** The apertures, two in number, one for the machine not more than six inches in height by twelve inches in width, and one for the operator not more than twelve inches in height by six inches in width, shall be provided with shutters sewed to curtain at the top of opening, and the lower edges of the same shall be weighted with three-eighths inch gas pipe, which shall be long enough to go the whole horizontal length of the shutter, and provided with cord and fusible link, as specified for the standard booth, running through a screw eye, or a ring attached to the pipe frame over the openings. All shutters shall be of size to lap over curtain at least one and one-half inches on all sides.'

'**Sec. 24. Penalties.** Whoever keeps, uses or operates any cinematograph or similar apparatus contrary to the provisions of the eleven preceding sections shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered on complaint or indictment to the use of the city or town in which any such violation occurs; but no final judgment on such complaint or indictment shall be entered during the pendency of an appeal as provided in sections fifteen and sixteen of this chapter and in case such appeal be sustained, such complaint or indictment shall be dismissed.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 186.

An Act Relating to the Surety Bond Business of Trust Companies and Domestic Corporations and Amending Section Ninety of Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. Trust companies not to engage in surety bond business; exceptions. No trust company shall engage in the business of acting as surety on official bonds or bonds for the performance of other obligations or guaranteeing the fidelity of persons in positions of trust, private or public, and at the same time engage in the business of receiving on deposit money,