

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**From April 22, 1945 to May 14, 1947**  
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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

**1947**

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## Chapter 271

### AN ACT Providing for Fire Escapes with the Approval Thereof of the Insurance Commissioner or Fire Inspector.

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

R. S., c. 85, § 46, repealed and replaced. Section 46 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 46. Fire escapes for schoolhouses, institutions, hotels, etc., public buildings, office buildings and places of amusement. Each story above the first story of a building used as a schoolhouse, orphan asylum, insane asylum, reformatory, opera house, hall for public assemblies, hotel, boarding or lodging house, accommodating more than 6 persons, or tenement house occupied by more than 2 families or store in which more than 10 persons are employed above the first story, shall be provided with more than one way of egress, by stairways on the inside or fire escapes on the outside of such building. Such stairways and fire escapes shall be so constructed, in such a number, or such size and in such location as to give reasonably safe, adequate and convenient means of exit, in view of the number of persons who may need to use such stairway or fire escape, shall, at all times, be kept free from obstruction and shall be accessible from each room in each story above the first story.

No individual, partnership or corporation shall offer for sale in this state, any type of fire escape device or fire alarm systems unless first securing approval of the insurance commissioner or fire inspector.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 272

### AN ACT to Regulate Public Dance Halls.

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

R. S., c. 88, §§ 53-A, 53-B, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto new sections to be numbered 53-A and 53-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 53-A. Public dances; limitations. No public dances at which minors are admitted shall be held in any pavilion, hall or other building unless there shall be on hand at all times, when such dances are being held,