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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

1947

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R. S., c. 85, § 46, repealed and replaced. Section 46 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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

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,

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an officer of the law; and unless there shall be in such pavilion, hall or other building, separate toilets for men and women.

Sec. 53-B. Offense punished. Whoever, being an owner, lessee, tenant or licensee of a pavilion, hall or other building in which a dance is held in violation of any restriction imposed by the previous section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and trial justices shall have concurrent jurisdiction with municipal courts of such offenses.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 273

AN ACT Relating to Local Option Provisions.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 57, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Local option. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns, and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for the calling and holding of biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, at the time of holding such biennial meeting to give in their votes upon the following questions:

I. Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?

II. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises?

III. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale, and other malt liquors) to be consumed on the premises?

IV. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale, and other malt liquors) not to be consumed on the premises?

Upon receipt of a petition of electors resident in that city or town in writing addressed to the secretary of state and signed by at least 15% of