

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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## CHAPTER 31.

## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS AND AMUSEMENTS.

## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS.

SEC. 1. Whoever, for money or other valuable article, exhibits any images, pageantry, sleight of hand tricks, puppet show, circus, feats of balancing, wire dancing, personal agility, dexterity or theatrical performances, without a license therefor as hereinafter provided, forfeits, for every offense, not more than one hundred, nor less than ten dollars; but this prohibition does not extend to any permanently established museum.

Penalty for pageantry, etc., without a license.  
R. S., c. 29, § 1.

SEC. 2. The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they deem proper; twenty-four hours being allowed for each exhibition or performance; and they shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violators of the preceding section.

Licenses, how granted; fee.  
R. S., c. 29, § 2.

## BOWLING-ALLEYS AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

SEC. 3. Whoever keeps a bowling-alley, pool, bagatelle or billiard room without a license, forfeits ten dollars for each day that such alley or room is so kept.

Penalty for keeping unlicensed alleys and billiard rooms.  
R. S., c. 29, § 3.  
30 Me., 74.

SEC. 4. Municipal officers of towns may license suitable persons to keep bowling-alleys, pool, bagatelle, and billiard rooms therein, in any place where it will not disturb the peace and quiet of a family, for which the person licensed shall pay ten dollars to such town; such licenses expire on the first day of May after they are granted, unless sooner revoked.

Town officers may license alleys and billiard rooms.  
R. S., c. 29, § 4.

SEC. 5. Every person so licensed shall at the time he receives his license, give bond to the town with two good and sufficient sureties, in not less than one hundred dollars, conditioned that he will not permit gambling or drinking of intoxicating liquors in or about his premises; or any minor to play or roll therein without the written consent of his parent, guardian or master; or his alley, pool, bagatelle or billiard room to be opened or used between ten o'clock in the evening and sunrise.

Keepers of alleys, etc., to give bond.  
R. S., c. 29, § 5.

—conditions.

SEC. 6. On proof that any person, so licensed, has violated any condition of his bond, said officers shall revoke his license and enforce payment of his bond to their town; and no such person shall afterwards be licensed therein for such purpose.

Bond violated, license to be revoked, etc.  
R. S., c. 29, § 6.

SEC. 7. The keeper of any bowling-alley, pool, bagatelle or billiard room, who violates any condition of his bond, forfeits ten dollars for the first offense, and twenty dollars for each subsequent offense; and any marshal, sheriff, police or other officer may at any time enter said alley, pool, bagatelle or billiard room or rooms connected therewith, to enforce this or any other law; and whoever obstructs his entrance forfeits not less than five, nor more than twenty dollars.

Penalties.  
R. S., c. 29, § 7.  
30 Me., 78.

—officer may enter at any time.

—penalty for obstructing officer's entrance.

SEC. 8. Any person licensed to own, keep and operate a bowling-alley or bowling-alleys, pool, bagatelle or billiard rooms, under the provisions of this chapter, may be granted permission by the municipal officers of the town or city where such alley or alleys, pool, bagatelle or billiard rooms are situated, to keep the same open to the public until midnight, when in the opinion of such municipal officers no person or persons residing in the immediate neighborhood will be disturbed thereby. In such

Licensed bowling-alleys may be kept open until midnight.  
1901, c. 194.  
1903, c. 69.

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case the condition of the bond required by section five shall be varied accordingly.

## ROLLER-SKATING RINKS.

Keepers of skating rinks shall obtain license from municipal officers.  
1885, c. 338, § 1.  
—penalty.

SEC. 9. Every person who keeps a roller-skating rink or room, shall obtain a license from the municipal officers of the city or town where such rink is located and shall pay therefor such sum as said municipal officers may deem proper. Any person keeping a roller-skating rink without such license, shall be fined ten dollars for each day it is so kept.

Hours for closing rinks, fixed.  
1885, c. 338, § 2.  
—penalty.

SEC. 10. Every person so licensed shall keep such rink closed between ten o'clock in the evening and sunrise, unless express permission in writing, to keep it open a longer time, is obtained from the municipal officers of the city or town where such rink is located. Any person violating this section, shall be fined ten dollars for every such offense.

## STEAM RIDING GALLERIES.

License required for operating merry-go-round, etc.  
1899, c. 59, § 1.

SEC. 11. Any person intending to operate or run a merry-go-round or steam riding gallery, in any town, shall first procure a license therefor from the municipal officers of such town, who may grant such license if they see fit, upon payment therefor of a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

Penalty for operating without license.  
1899, c. 59, § 2.

SEC. 12. Whoever operates or runs a merry-go-round or steam riding gallery in any town without such license shall be fined five dollars for each and every day that he so operates or runs such merry-go-round or steam riding gallery.

Jurisdiction of offenses.  
1899, c. 59, § 3.

SEC. 13. Municipal and police courts and trial justices, in their respective counties, shall have jurisdiction of all offenses arising under this chapter. And all penalties herein provided shall be recovered by complaint for the use of the town where incurred.

Note. Exhibitions of reproduction of prize fights prohibited, c. 125, § 17.  
Immoral exhibitions prohibited, c. 125, §§ 18-19.