

NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 531

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT prohibiting publications relating to patent or other medicines in language of immoral tendency, or of ambiguous character, and protecting the public against the dangers from the indiscriminate distribution of samples of medicine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The publication or sale within this state of any
2 circular, pamphlet, or book containing receipts or prescrip-
3 tions for the cure of chronic female complaints or private
4 diseases, or receipts or prescriptions for drops, pills, tinc-
5 tures, or other compounds designed to prevent conception,

6 or tending to produce misoarrriage or abortion is hereby pro-
7 hibited; and for each copy thereof, so published and sold,
8 containing such prohibited receipts or prescriptions, the pub-
9 lisher and seller shall each be deemed guilty of a misde-
10 meanor, and shall be liable to the same penalties provided
11 for a violation of the preceding section. Any person or
12 persons, their agents or clerks, who shall fail to comply with
13 the requirements herein expressed, shall be deemed guilty of
14 a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not less than fifty
15 nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in
16 the county jail not exceeding three months, or both, for each
17 and every offense.

Sect. 2. Any person, firm or corporation who, by himself,
2 his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent or any other
3 person or firm, shall leave, throw or deposit or have in his
4 possession with intent to leave, throw or deposit upon the
5 doorstep, hall, porch, doorway, vestibule or premises owned
6 or occupied by another, or who shall deliver to any child
7 under the age of fifteen years, when not accompanied by an
8 adult, any patent or proprietary medicine, or any prepara-
9 tion, pill, tablet, or drug that contains poison or other ingre-
10 dients deleterious to health, as a sample or in any quantity
11 whatever for the purpose of advertising or otherwise, shall
12 be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished
13 by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one thou-
14 sand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days
15 nor more than one year.