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House of Representatives, March 3, 1949.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Conservation of Christmas Trees.

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

R. S., c. 32, §§ 52-A, 52-B, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 52-A and 52-B, to read as follows :

'Sec. 52-A. Conservation of Christmas trees. It shall be unlawful to cut or otherwise dispose of any non-diseased coniferous tree under the height of 8 feet when trees so cut shall be transported out of the state or sold unless the following provisions are complied with:

Any person, firm, association or corporation engaging in the sale of Christmas trees shall first file a statement of such intentions with the forest commissioner.

Such statement of intentions shall include an exact description of the land from which said trees shall be cut, the estimated number of trees to be cut, and the date when the number of trees cut shall be replanted.

It shall be the privilege and right of the said commissioner to investigate each such proposed cutting, and before approval of such cutting is given by

said commissioner he may require satisfactory evidence and written agreement on the part of the applicant as to the replanting of a like number of trees as that proposed to be cut.

Sec. 52-B. Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000.'