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**XXXIX.** Dennys river, Dennysville, main stem, from tidewater to the bridge at U. S. highway no. 1 at Dennysville—Class B-2.

**XL.** Coastal streams, segments and tributaries thereof, not otherwise defined, above tidewater, entering tidewater between the head of tide in the Dennys river at Dennysville and the head of tide on the Pennamaguan river at Pembroke—Class B-1.

**XLI.** Unnamed stream flowing through Dennysville village immediately west of school building—Class B-2.

**XLII.** Pennamaguan river, segments and tributaries thereof, not otherwise defined, above tidewater, including Boyden lake—Class B-1.

**XLIII.** Pennamaguan river, main stem, between the crossing of the Eastport branch of the Maine Central railroad and tidewater—Class B-2.

**XLIV.** Coastal streams, segments and tributaries thereof, not otherwise defined, above tidewater, entering tidewater between the head of tide on the Pennamaguan river in Pembroke and the head of tide at Little river in Perry—Class B-1.

**XLV.** Little river or Boyden stream, Perry, segments and tributaries thereof, not otherwise defined above tidewater—Class B-1.

**XLVI.** Boyden stream, main stem, from the outlet of Boyden pond to the 1st road crossing below Boyden pond—Class B-2. (1953, c. 331. 1955, c. 426, § 7.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment changed the caption of the subdivision of this section formerly headed “Kennebec River Basin” to “Kennebec River Basin and Adjacent Coastal Areas” and added subsections VI to LXXIX thereto, changed the caption of the subdivision formerly headed “Penobscot River Basin” to “Penobscot River Basin and Adjacent Coastal Area” and added subsections XII to LXXVIII thereto, and changed the caption of the subdivision formerly headed

“St. Croix River Basin” to “St. Croix River Basin and Adjacent Coastal Area” and added subsections II to V thereto. The amendment also added subsections II to XI to the subdivision headed “Meduxnekeag River Basin” and rewrote subsections VI and VIII of the subdivision headed “Coastal Streams” and added subsections IX to XLVI thereto. Only the subsections added or changed by the amendment are set out.

**Sec. 16. Classification of surface waters.**—The following surface waters shall be classified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

#### Great Ponds

**I.** All great ponds within the state of Maine shall be classified herewith as not less than Class B-1; provided, however, that the commission, upon application by any interested person, shall hold a hearing in accordance with the classification procedure and if it shall find it is for the best interests of the public that such waters or any part thereof should be otherwise classified, it shall do so in accordance with the classification procedure of this chapter. (1955, c. 426, § 8.)

### Chapter 79-A.

#### Interstate Water Pollution Control.

**Sec. 1. Governor to execute compact with other states; form of execution.**—The governor of this state is hereby authorized and directed to execute a compact, on behalf of the state of Maine, with any one or more of the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, to be known as the New England interstate water pollution control

compact, heretofore adopted by the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Vermont and New Hampshire and approved by act of the congress of the United States, and to execute any supplementary agreements with the states now parties to such compact and the operation thereof.

When the governor, on behalf of the state, executes such compact or any agreement supplementary thereto, he shall affix his signature thereto under a recital that the compact or agreement is executed pursuant to the provisions thereof, subject to the limitations and qualifications contained in this chapter. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 2. Form and contents of compact.**—The form and contents of such compact are as follows and the effect of its provisions shall be interpreted and administered in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

### **New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Compact.**

Whereas, the growth of population and the development of the territory of the New England states has resulted in serious pollution of certain interstate streams, ponds and lakes, and of tidal waters ebbing and flowing past the boundaries of two or more states; and

Whereas, such pollution constitutes a menace to the health, welfare and economic prosperity of the people living in such area; and

Whereas, the abatement of existing pollution and the control of future pollution in the interstate waters of the New England area are of prime importance to the people and can best be accomplished through the cooperation of the New England states in the establishment of an interstate agency to work with the states in the field of pollution abatement; now, therefore, the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont do agree and are bound as follows:

#### **Article I**

It is agreed between the signatory states that the provisions of this compact shall apply to streams, ponds and lakes which are contiguous to two or more signatory states or which flow through two or more signatory states or which have a tributary contiguous to two or more signatory states or flowing through two or more signatory states, and also shall apply to tidal waters ebbing and flowing past the boundaries of two states.

#### **Article II**

There is hereby created the New England interstate water pollution control commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission, which shall be a body corporate and politic, having the powers, duties and jurisdiction herein enumerated and such other and additional powers as shall be conferred upon it by the act or acts of a signatory state concurred in by the others.

#### **Article III**

The commission shall consist of 5 commissioners from each signatory state, each of whom shall be a resident voter of the state from which he is appointed. The commissioners shall be chosen in the manner and for the terms provided by law of the state from which they shall be appointed. For each state there shall be on the commission a member representing the state health department, a member representing the state water pollution control board, if such exists, and, except where a state in its enabling legislation decides that the best interests of the state will be otherwise served, a member representing municipal interests, a member representing industrial interests and a member representing an agency acting for fisheries or conservation.

#### Article IV

The commission shall annually elect from its members a chairman and vice-chairman and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge such officers. It may appoint and employ a secretary who shall be a professional engineer versed in water pollution and may employ such stenographic or clerical employees as shall be necessary, and at its pleasure remove or discharge such employees. It shall adopt a seal and suitable by-laws and shall promulgate rules and regulations for its management and control. It may maintain an office for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or place within the signatory states. Meetings shall be held at least twice each year. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no action of the commission imposing any obligation on any signatory state or on any municipal agency or subdivision thereof or on any person, firm or corporation therein shall be binding unless a majority of the members from such signatory state shall have voted in favor thereof. Where meetings are planned to discuss matters relevant to problems of water pollution control affecting only certain of the signatory states, the commission may vote to authorize special meetings of the commissioners of the states especially concerned. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements and shall make an annual report to the governor and the legislature of each signatory state setting forth in detail the operations and transactions conducted by it pursuant to this compact, and shall make recommendations for any legislative action deemed by it advisable, including amendments to the statutes of the signatory states which may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this compact. The commission shall not incur any obligations for salaries, office, administrative, traveling or other expenses prior to the allotment of funds by the signatory states adequate to meet the same; nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any of the signatory states. Each signatory state reserves the right to provide hereafter by law for the examination and audit of the accounts of the commission. The commission shall appoint a treasurer who may be a member of the commission, and disbursements by the commission shall be valid only when authorized by the commission and when vouchers therefor have been signed by the secretary and countersigned by the treasurer. The secretary shall be custodian of the records of the commission with authority to attest to and certify such records or copies thereof.

#### Article V

It is recognized, owing to such variable factors as location, size, character and flow and the many varied uses of the waters subject to the terms of this compact, that no single standard of sewage and waste treatment and no single standard of quality of receiving waters is practical and that the degree of treatment of sewage and industrial wastes should take into account the classification of the receiving waters according to present and proposed highest use, such as for drinking water supply, industrial and agricultural uses, bathing and other recreational purposes, maintenance and propagation of fish life, shellfish culture, navigation and disposal of wastes.

The commission shall establish reasonable physical, chemical and bacteriological standards of water quality satisfactory for various classifications of use. It is agreed that each of the signatory states through appropriate agencies will prepare a classification of its interstate waters in entirety or by portions according to present and proposed highest use and for this purpose technical experts employed by state departments of health and state water pollution control agencies are authorized to confer on questions relating to classification of interstate waters affecting two or more states. Each signatory state agrees to submit its classification of its interstate waters to the commission for approval. It is agreed that after such approval, all signatory states through their appropriate state health departments and water pollution control agencies will work to estab-

lish programs of treatment of sewage and industrial wastes which will meet standards established by the commission for classified waters. The commission may from time to time make such changes in definitions of classifications and in standards as may be required by changed conditions or as may be necessary for uniformity.

#### Article VI

Each of the signatory states pledges to provide for the abatement of existing pollution and for the control of future pollution of interstate inland and tidal waters as described in article I, and to put and maintain the waters thereof in a satisfactory condition consistent with the highest classified use of each body of water.

#### Article VII

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or prevent the enforcement of any requirement by any signatory state imposing any additional condition or restriction to further lessen the pollution of waters within its jurisdiction. Nothing herein contained shall affect or abate any action now pending brought by any governmental board or body created by or existing under any of the signatory states.

#### Article VIII

The signatory states agree to appropriate for the salaries, office, administrative, travel and other expenses such sum or sums as shall be recommended by the commission. The commonwealth of Massachusetts obligates itself only to the extent of sixty-five hundred dollars in any one year, the state of Connecticut only to the extent of three thousand dollars in any one year, the state of Rhode Island only to the extent of fifteen hundred dollars in any one year, and the states of New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont each only to the extent of one thousand dollars in any one year.

#### Article IX

Should any part of this compact be held to be contrary to the constitution of any signatory state or of the United States, all other parts thereof shall continue to be in full force and effect.

#### Article X

The commission is authorized to discuss with appropriate state agencies in New York state questions of pollution of waters which flow into the New England area from New York state or vice versa and to further the establishment of agreements on pollution abatement to promote the interests of the New York and New England areas.

Whenever the commission by majority vote of the members of each signatory state shall have given its approval and the state of New York shall have taken the necessary action to do so, the state of New York shall be a party to this compact for the purpose of controlling and abating the pollution of waterways common to New York and the New England states signatory to this compact but excluding the waters under the jurisdiction of the interstate sanitation commission (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut).

#### Article XI

This compact shall become effective immediately upon the adoption of the compact by any two contiguous states of New England but only in so far as applies to those states and upon approval by federal law. Thereafter upon ratification by other contiguous states, it shall also become effective as to those states. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 3. Appropriations.**—The state agrees to appropriate from the gen-

eral fund and contribute to the commission such annual amount as may be required for its several purposes under the terms of such compact, not in excess of \$1,000, which limitation is imposed by the state as a condition under which it shall become a party thereto. The state, as a further condition under which it shall become a party to the compact, reserves the right to withdraw therefrom at any time upon 60 days' notice to the chairman of the commission.

The governor shall determine if and when it shall be for the best interests of the state to withdraw from such compact. In the event the governor shall determine that the state should withdraw from such compact, he shall have full power and authority to give the notice as required herein and to take any and all steps necessary and proper to effect the withdrawal of the state from the compact. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 4. Effective date of compact.**—This compact, when executed by the governor as prescribed in section 1, shall be deemed to be fully adopted and shall thereupon become binding upon the state of Maine as between it and the several other signatory states agreeably to the true tenor and extent thereof. Such compact, supplementary agreements and notices of withdrawal shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state of the state of Maine. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 5. Appointment of commissioners.**—There shall be 5 members hereinafter in this chapter called commissioners of the New England interstate water pollution control commission from the state of Maine. One commissioner shall be the commissioner of the department of health and welfare and one the chairman of the Maine water improvement commission. The term of any such commissioner shall terminate at the time he ceases to hold said state office and his successor in that office shall be his successor as commissioner on this commission. The governor, by and with the consent and advice of the council, shall appoint 3 more commissioners who shall be citizens of the state, one to represent municipal interests, one to represent industrial interests, and one to represent the public generally. The term of the last 3 said commissioners shall be for a period of 3 years and he shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. The terms of each of the initial 5 members shall begin at the date of the appointment, provided the said compact shall then have been executed by the governor of this state as prescribed in section 1; otherwise they shall begin upon the effective date of the compact in accordance with section 4.

Any commissioner may be removed from office by the governor upon charges and after a hearing. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 6. Compensation.**—The commissioners shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties. (1955, c. 450.)

**Sec. 7. Reservations and limitations.**—Notwithstanding any contrary provisions hereinbefore contained, it is hereby specifically provided that

**I.** The members representing the state of Maine on the New England interstate water pollution control commission shall have no authority to vote in favor of or to commit said state of Maine or any administrative agency thereof or any municipal corporation or administrative agency thereof, or any person, firm or corporation therein.

(a) to any classification of the interstate waters of the state of Maine or to any standards of water quality appertaining to any such classification, which in any aspect shall impose a higher classification or higher water quality than are established by the laws of the state of Maine for such waters, or

(b) to any classification and pertinent standards of water quality in respect to such interstate waters of the state of Maine as have not been assigned a classification under the laws of the state of Maine

II. No classification of waters or standards of water quality thereto appertaining which shall have been approved by the New England water pollution control commission prior to the effective date of this act, as established in section 4 hereof, shall be binding upon the state of Maine or any administrative agency thereof or any municipal corporation or administrative agency thereof, or any person, firm or corporation therein, with relation to any interstate waters of the state of Maine. (1955, c. 450.)

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## Chapter 81.

### Registration of Architects.

#### Sec. 1. Board of registration for architects.

The board shall be composed of 5 practicing architects, or 4 practicing architects and 1 professor of architecture, who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, to serve for 3 years and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Each member of the board shall receive a certificate of his appointment from the governor. (1945, c. 356, § 1. 1949, c. 242, § 1. 1955, c. 122, § 1.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment substituted “5” for “3” and “4” for “2” near the beginning of the second paragraph, and deleted the words “and shall

serve without pay,” formerly appearing at the end of the second paragraph. As the first paragraph of the section was not changed, it is not set out.

**Sec. 3. Organization; meetings; compensation; quorum; seal.**—The board shall hold at least 2 meetings each year for the purpose of examining candidates for registration. Special meetings shall be held at such times as the regularly adopted rules and regulations of the board shall provide. The members of the board shall each receive as compensation for their services \$10 a day for the time actually spent and their necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, to be certified by the secretary of the board.

Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum but no certificate of registration shall be issued or revoked except on an affirmative vote of at least 3 members of the board. The board shall annually elect a chairman and a secretary. The secretary may or may not be a member of the board and he shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the board not to exceed \$200, which shall be in lieu of a per diem compensation. The secretary shall also be paid his necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties, including clerical and stenographical assistance, printing and postage. Such salary and allowance for expenses shall be certified by the chairman of the board. The board shall adopt and have an official seal. (1945, c. 356, § 1. 1955, c. 122, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added the last sentence of the first paragraph and rewrote the second paragraph.

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## Chapter 82.

### Licensing of Electricians.

**Sec. 2. Definitions.**—The following words and phrases when used in sections 1 to 14, inclusive, shall be construed as follows:

I. “Electrical installations” shall mean the installation, repair, alteration and maintenance of electrical conductors, fittings, devices and fixtures for heating, lighting or power purposes. They shall not include the installation or repair of portable appliances and other portable electrical equipment, installation of which involves only the insertion of an attachment plug into a fixed receptacle outlet. It is the meaning and intent of this subsection that the word “portable”