

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 835

House of Representatives, February 1, 1961

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Edwards of Stockton Springs.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Protecting the Source of Public Water Supply.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 141-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 141-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 141-A. Protection of source of public water supply. Any water utility, or municipality supplying water to the public is authorized to take reasonable methods to protect its source of public water supply from pollution when such source is a lake or pond. It may enter upon the land bordering such source of public water supply and inspect the system of drainage and sewage of any building or structure thereon. It may order the owner of any building thereon having a system of drainage and sewage flowing, seeping or suspected of seeping into said source of public water supply remedy the situation. Such order shall be in writing and state a time within which the order must be complied with.

Before any new building or structure is constructed upon land bordering on the source of a public water supply or any existing building or structure thereon is repaired or remodeled the water utility or municipality supplying water to the public shall approve the plans as to drainage and sewage.

Either party may call upon the department for technical advice.

Any person aggrieved by any order of such water utility or municipality supplying water to the public may appeal to the Superior Court within 30 days after receiving such order.

The water utility or municipality supplying water to the public may petition the Superior Court upon failure of the owner of a building or structure to comply with any order made by it. The court, after hearing, may make such order as may be appropriate.'