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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Unprotected Wells.

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

R. S., c. 137, §§ 32-B - 32-C, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections 32-B and 32-C, to read as follows:

'Unprotected Wells.

Sec. 32-B. Definition. The term "well" as used in this section and section 32-C shall mean any artificially made hole in the surface of the earth more than 4 feet deep and more than 8 inches in diameter.

Sec. 32-C. Unprotected wells prohibited. No person who owns or occupies land shall knowingly allow any well to remain open upon such land unless there is a substantial fence or other substantial enclosing barrier around such well or unless it is protected by a substantial covering which shall be securely fastened. Violation of this section shall create an attractive nuisance and whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or by both.'