

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Hunter of Durham.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment and Duties of Fire Department Officers as Forest Fire Wardens.

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

Sec. I. R. S., T. 12, § 1402, amended. Section 1402 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

'With the exceptions noted in this section and section 1401 and within the boundaries of a community having an organized fire department, no person shall kindle or maintain any fire in the open air or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained in any street, alley, roadway, lane, public grounds or private lot, without first having obtained a written permit to do so from the local fire chief or his authorized representative. In areas where no organized fire department exists, said permits shall be issued by the state forest fire wardens or town forest fire warden. Said permits shall be issued only for the geographical area in which the local fire chief, state forest fire warden or town forest fire warden is in charge of, has authority over and is under his jurisdiction.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 25, § 2501, amended. The 2nd and 3rd sentences of section 2501 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'In municipalities having an organized fire department, the chief of the fire department shall be named town forest fire warden to serve in said capacity as long as he is chief of the department. In the event no organized fire department exists, a municipal officer, fire ward or any citizen is eligible for appointment, to be made with the approval of the municipal officers.'