

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 452

H. P. 345

House of Representatives, January 28, 1969

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mosher of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Control and Protect Maine's Natural Resources from Strip Mining.

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

R. S., T. 17, c. 118, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 118 to read as follows :

CHAPTER 118 STRIP MINING

§ 3611. Bond

It is unlawful to permit or license a corporation, company or individual to operate within the State of Maine a strip mining operation, unless said corporation, company or individual has posted a bond to insure the State of Maine, that the land involved shall be restored to its original shape and condition, leaving no open pits, ditches, holes or piles of subsoil, broken rocks or rubble. If loam is removed and saved when the operation is started, immediately after the operation in a given area is completed or finished, the subsoil and rubble shall be leveled and loam spread over the top of same.

§ 3612. Treating waste

No effluent or waste from the processing shall enter any body of water until properly treated by an approved method and said method or installation has been approved by the Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission, so as to render said water harmless to humans, flow or fish.

§ 3613. Penalty

If there is a violation of this, the State through its proper agency or agencies, shall cause the bond to cover the cost to perform the restoration, under the supervision of said agency or agencies and revoke the license and impose fines to cover the cost of supervision and any other costs not covered by the bond, and failure to maintain and return wastes or waters in condition as prescribed, shall come under fines and sentences now in force for such offenses.