

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 60.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY.

AN ACT to prevent the destruction of bridges by driving
of lumber in rivers and streams.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of persons or com-
2 panies owning or driving logs or lumber in rivers or
3 streams in this state, which are crossed by highways
4 and bridges, to protect said bridges from damage by
5 the jamming of said lumber or logs upon the piers or
6 abutments thereof. Any person or company who shall
7 neglect to sufficiently guard such bridges by booms or
8 extra piers, or shall neglect to break and clear such
9 jams whereby said bridges are destroyed or damaged,
10 shall be liable to towns and plantations in which such
11 bridges are located, for such destruction and damage,

12 to be collected by action of debt, against the owners
13 of such logs, or the log driving company upon such
14 stream or river, if one be chartered and have charge
15 thereon, and the logs and lumber therein may be
16 holden therefor; *provided however*, that such persons
17 or companies owning or driving logs or lumber, shall
18 not be held liable for damage of uncommon or sudden
19 rises of water, which renders it out of their power to
20 control the logs or lumber under their care in such
21 streams or rivers.

SECT. 2. The selectmen of towns and assessors of
2 plantations, through which such lumber or logs are
3 driven, may in case of neglect to keep such jams clear
4 of piers or abutments, so that they are perilled by such
5 jams, may remove or cause said jams to be removed,
6 and the expense be charged against the owners of said
7 logs or lumber, or chartered company driving said
8 streams or rivers, to be collected in action of debt,
9 and the logs of persons or companies forming such jams
10 shall be holden therefor.

SECT. 3. This act shall be in force from and after
2 its approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 14, 1870.

Reported from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,
by Mr. LANG of Kennebec, and printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*