

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 46.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT providing for a duty on ice.

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

SECTION 1. That any person or corporation who shall
2 hereafter cut any ice upon the tide waters of the state,
3 for exportation beyond its limits, shall pay into the
4 treasury of state for its use, the sum of ten cents per ton
5 for all ice so cut, the quantity to be determined by
6 such person or persons as the governor and council may
7 appoint. No such ice shall be shipped as aforesaid
8 until the said fee is paid, or bond for its payment with
9 sureties to the satisfaction of the state treasurer, shall
10 be filed in his office.

SECT. 2. Any such person or corporation, who at the
2 commencement of the season for cutting ice, shall .

3 have the conveniences for storing it, shall, to the extent
4 of his such conveniences, have a preference over all
5 others, in the right to cut, and when persons or cor-
6 porations are so situated, by means of their proximity
7 to each other, as to interfere or be in danger of inter-
8 fering with each other in the enjoyment of the ice field,
9 then, if such conveniences are all on the same side of
10 the river, the line of division shall be the line drawn
11 from the shore midway between them; but if on dif-
12 ferent sides of the river, the middle line of the river
13 shall be the said line. In case of any dispute, the
14 person who shall be designated, as aforesaid, by the
15 governor and council, shall be the umpire to decide it,
16 and such person or persons shall also have the general
17 supervision of the subject, with the right, at all times,
18 to enter and view all ice houses where ice is so stored.
19 He or they shall seasonably return to the state treasurer
20 a true account of all ice so cut, and see that the fee
21 is paid, or bond given as aforesaid, before the ice is
22 shipped. For his services the governor and council
23 may allow such reasonable compensation as they may
24 adjudge proper, and draw order on the treasury there-
25 for.

SECT. 3. Nothing contained in this act shall prevent
2 any persons from the right to travel on the ice of any

DUTY ON ICE.

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3 such public river or inlet as heretofore enjoyed as a
4 public highway.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval,
2 and be made to apply to all ice cut during the present
3 winter season.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 11, 1874. }

Presented by Mr. WILLIAMS, of Augusta, and on his motion
ordered printed, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*