

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 389

House of Representatives, March 2, 1911.

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

AN ACT for the better protection of the forests from fire.

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

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the forest commissioner
2 whenever, in his judgment, the woodlands along the rail-
3 roads traversing the wild lands of the state, over which said
4 commissioner has jurisdiction, are in a dry and dangerous
5 condition, to maintain a competent and efficient fire patrol
6 along the right of way or lands of such railroads.

Sect. 2. The forest commissioner shall keep, or cause to
2 be kept, an account of the cost of maintaining such fire
3 patrol along the line of such railroad, including therein the
4 wages and expenses of the employees engaged in maintain-
5 ing such fire patrol, and the total cost thereof shall be paid

6 to the forest commissioner, by the railroad company along
7 whose land or right of way such patrol is maintained, such
8 payment to be made monthly or on the presentation of the
9 bills therefor. All such funds received by said commis-
10 sioner shall be credited to the fund for the protection of
11 the forests against fire from which it was drawn.

Sect. 3. All fires started upon the right of way of any
2 railroad or lands adjacent thereto shall be immediately re-
3 ported to the commissioner upon blanks to be furnished by
4 him, by the patrolman within whose limits the fire originated,
5 setting forth the origin of such fire, the quantity and quality
6 of the land burned over, and, if the fire was started by a
7 locomotive, he shall give the number thereof.

Sect. 4. No railroad employee shall build a fire to burn
2 rubbish along its right of way through forest lands when
3 forbidden to do so by the forest commissioner, or his war-
4 dens.

Sect. 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed as releas-
2 ing any railroad company from any damage caused by fires
3 set by their locomotives or employees.