

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 123

In Senate, March 14, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Emerson from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-three of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Eleven of the Public Laws of 1919, Requiring a Permit for the Burning of Brush or Slash near Woodlands.

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

Section fifty-three of chapter eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "road" in the eleventh line of said section the following, to wit: 'Any person, firm,

6 corporation or agent cutting any forest growth on property
7 adjacent to woodlands within the state outside the limits
8 of the Maine forestry district and all such firms, persons
9 and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants,
10 licensees, permittees or lessees operate, or permit operation,
11 of portable sawmills on land which borders on woodland
12 shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such
13 a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on
14 the ground within fifty (50) feet of the line of cutting on
15 the side or sides toward such woodland' so that said section
16 as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 53. Any person, firm, corporation or agent, cutting
2 any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way
3 of any railroad or highway within the state, shall leave
4 the growth uncut on the land within fifty feet of the limit
5 of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought
6 portion of any plantation, town, city, county or state road.
7 Any person, firm, corporation or agent cutting any forest
8 growth on property adjacent to woodlands owned by
9 another within the state outside the limits of the Maine
10 forestry district and all such firms, persons and corpo-
11 rations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees,
12 permittees or lessees operate, or permit operation of port-
13 able sawmills on land which borders on woodland shall dis-
14 pose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner
15 that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground
16 within fifty (50) feet of the line of cutting on the side or
17 sides towards such woodland. Provided, however, that

18 consent and direction in writing from the forestry depart-
19 ment shall be required for the burning of such brush or
20 slash except when the ground is covered with snow. The
21 forest commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the
22 chief forest fire wardens and to the municipal officers of all
23 towns and organized plantations of the state, blank per-
24 mits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash.
25 Any chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers of
26 the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have
27 full authority to countersign and grant such permits signed
28 by the forest commissioner. The forest commissioner may,
29 however, in any particular case called to his attention, over-
30 rule the decision of the chief forest fire warden or the
31 municipal officers, and himself grant the permit asked for
32 or forbid the granting of the same. Whoever violates any
33 of the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof
34 be punished by a fine of fifty dollars.'