

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 137

In Senate, March 18, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Putnam from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, 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 Thirty-two of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Pollution of Waters of the State by Sawdust and Other Mill Waste.

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

Section thirty-two of chapter two hundred and nineteen
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the
4 public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby

5 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
6 tuting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 32. No person or corporation shall place or de-
2 posit in any of the lakes or ponds of the state, or into any
3 of the following named rivers, brooks and streams, to wit,
4 in Aroostook county, the Aroostook river or any of its
5 tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook, in Sheridan
6 plantation, except sawdust made by gang saws, main rota-
7 ries, up and down saws in water mills in use prior to nine-
8 teen hundred and three; Fish river and all of its tributaries
9 down as far as the foot of Eagle lake, except Sly brook;
10 Wallagrass river for a distance of three miles from its
11 mouth; Little Madawaska river or any of its tributaries;
12 in Cumberland county, in any of the rivers, brooks or
13 streams lying wholly or in part in the towns of Sebago,
14 Naples, Casco and Raymond; Breakneck brook and its tribu-
15 taries; in any of the tributaries to Highland lake; Mill
16 brook in Westbrook; in Franklin county, in any of the
17 tributaries to Lake Webb; in Kennebec county, in any of
18 the tributaries to McGraw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long,
19 Little and Snow ponds; in Potter mill stream, in Litchfield;
20 in any of the tributaries to any of the lakes or ponds lying
21 wholly or partly in the towns of Vienna and Mount Ver-
22 non; in Knox county, in any of the tributaries to Craw-
23 ford pond, in Union and Warren; in Lincoln county, in
24 Jackson mill stream, or in Joe Weeks’ mill stream, tribu-
25 taries to Damariscotta lake; in Oxford county, Bog brook

26 and its tributaries, in Oxford and Hebron (and in Minot
27 and Mechanic Falls in Androscoggin county); Swift river
28 and its tributaries, in the counties of Oxford and Frank-
29 lin; Carrabasset river, in Kingfield and New Portland, in
30 the counties of Franklin and Somerset; the outlet of
31 Worthley pond in Peru; in Ellis river and its tributaries;
32 Cambridge river, in Upton and Grafton; Bear river, in
33 Newry and Grafton; Cold river and its tributaries, in
34 Stow; the tributaries to Upper Kezar pond in Lovell;
35 in Penobscot county, the west branch of Mattawamkeag
36 stream and its tributaries; Kimball brook, Shin brook and
37 Seboeis river, tributaries to East branch of the Penobscot
38 river; Fish stream, a tributary to Mattawamkeag river;
39 Olamon stream; in Piscataquis county, Ferguson stream;
40 Alder stream; Piscataquis river; the South branch of the
41 Piscataquis river and its tributaries in Abbot and in Kings-
42 bury plantation; Thorn brook and its tributaries in the
43 towns of Abbot and Blanchard and in Kingsbury planta-
44 tion; Higgins stream and its tributaries in the counties of
45 Somerset and Piscataquis; Jimmie brook in the town of
46 Cambridge, in Somerset county; in Waldo county, Half
47 Moon or Sandy stream and its tributaries; the tributaries
48 to Seven Tree pond; the tributaries to Unity pond; St.
49 George's river, in Montville and Searsmont; Ellis stream,
50 in Waldo, Brooks and Belfast; Medomack stream, in Lib-
51 erty; in Washington county, Baskahegan stream, in the
52 town of Danforth; in York county, Heath brook, in the

53 town of Acton; Little Ossipee river, within the limits of
54 the towns of Shapleigh, Newfield, Waterboro, Limerick
55 and Limington; Norton and Brown brooks and their tribu-
56 taries, in Shapleigh and Limerick, or allow the same to
57 be done by anyone in their employ, any slabs, edgings,
58 sawdust, chips, bark, mill waste, shavings or fibrous ma-
59 terial created in the manufacture of lumber, or place or
60 deposit the same on the banks of any of the above-named
61 waters in such negligent or careless manner that the same
62 shall fall or be washed into said waters, or with the intent
63 that the same shall fall or be washed into said waters.
64 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay
65 a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred
66 dollars and costs for each offense.

Provided, further, that the commissioner of inland fish-
2 eries and game and the forest commissioner shall have au-
3 thority, upon petition of twenty-five citizens of this state,
4 and after due notice and public hearing in the locality of
5 the waters to be affected, at which hearing all parties in-
6 terested may be heard, to promulgate rules and regulations
7 prohibiting the pollution of any of the brooks, streams,
8 or rivers in this state with slabs, edgings, sawdust, chips,
9 bark, mill waste, shavings, or any fibrous material created
10 in the manufacture of lumber. A copy of any regulations
11 promulgated by virtue of this section shall be filed in the
12 office of the clerk of courts, in the county in which the
13 waters are situated, and shall be published three times in

14 a newspaper printed in the county wherein the waters are
15 situated. Whoever violates any provision of any rules
16 and regulations of the commissioner of inland fisheries and
17 game and the forest commissioner promulgated by virtue
18 of this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than
19 five nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each
20 offense.'