

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 119

House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1923.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and five hundred copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Small of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Protection of White Pine Trees.

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

Section 1. No person, firm, corporation, or agent shall
2 hereafter cut any white pine tree under eight inches in di-
3 ameter at four and a half feet from the ground in the coun-
4 ties of York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Ken-
5 nebec, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo, and that part of Oxford
6 county south of the Androscoggin river, except (1) for
7 the purpose of clearing land for agricultural use, for build-
8 ing, or for the construction of yards, roads, or highways;
9 (2) for use in building camps, dams, or ways; or (3) for
10 personal use on the farm of the owner in the ordinary course

11 of good husbandry; provided, however, that white pine trees
12 less than ten inches in diameter may, with the written ap-
13 proval of the forest commissioner, be removed from locali-
14 ties where the trees are unduly exposed or are too thick
15 for profitable growth, or where for any other reason their
16 retention is unnecessary for the practice of conservative
17 forest management.

Sect. 2. No person, firm, corporation, or agent shall en-
2 gage in any lumbering operations which involve the cut-
3 ting of white pine in the counties specified in section one
4 until he has filed in duplicate with the forest commissioner
5 a statement giving the location and approximate size of the
6 area from which the wood is to be cut and the approximate
7 date when such operations are to be commenced. When
8 the cutting is to be done in organized towns or plantations,
9 a copy of this statement shall be sent by the forest com-
10 missioner to the municipal officers.

Sect. 3. Any person, firm, corporation, or agent violating
2 any of the provisions of sections one or two of this act
3 shall be liable to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.