

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 463

House of Representatives, March 23, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Hayes from Committee on Mines and Mining and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Piper of Jackman.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Providing for the Location and Operating of Mines.

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

Section 1. The discoverer of any valuable mineral deposit capable of being mined, located on any of the public lands of the state shall within thirty days from the date of such discovery, record his claim by an affidavit containing a description of such mineral deposit and its location to be filed in the office of the state land agent, such location not to exceed in area five square acres.

Sect. 2. Said affidavit shall in addition to said description certify that the claimant intends in good faith to mine or otherwise work or develop said mineral deposit and shall

4 offer to give to the state a bond in such a sum and with
5 such surety or sureties as may be approved by the land
6 agent conditioned to pay for all damages done to timber
7 and grass upon the land where such mineral is located by
8 the claimant or by those under his direction or control; and
9 further to account for and pay over to the state ten per cent
10 in value of all the mineral which shall be mined or taken
11 from said described land.

Sect. 3. The land agent if he approves such bond shall
2 give to such discoverer a permit in the name of the state
3 authorizing such discoverer to enter upon and mine for min-
4 eral upon the described land, and such discoverer shall be
5 entitled to have and retain for his own use all of said min-
6 erals so mined from said described lot upon complying with
7 the conditions of the bond mentioned in section two.

Sect. 4. The land agent shall have a right of access to all
2 works and mines on any such land and to examine the books
3 relating thereto, and to make such regulations as to the
4 working of such mines and the protection of timber and
5 grass upon such lot as shall be reasonable and proper.

Sect. 5. If the holder of any such permit fails to comply
2 with such regulations or to observe any of the conditions
3 of his bond, he shall forfeit all his rights to said mines and
4 minerals and his permission to occupy such land.