

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 486

House of Representatives, March 28, 1923.

New draft under report "A" from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and five hundred copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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 trees under eight inches in
3 diameter four and one-half feet from the ground in this
4 state, except (1) for the purpose of clearing land for
5 agricultural use, for building, or for the construction of
6 yards, roads or highways; (2) for use in building camps,
7 dams, or ways; or (3) for personal use on the farm of the
8 owner in the ordinary course of good husbandry; pro-
9 vided, however, that white pine trees less than eight inches

10 in diameter may be removed from localities where the trees
11 are unduly exposed or are too thick for profitable growth,
12 or where for any reason their retention is unnecessary for
13 the practice of conservative forest management. And pro-
14 vided also that at least three white pine seed trees shall be
15 left on each acre.

Sect. 2. Provided that this act shall not violate the pro-
2 visions of existing contracts for the term of five years.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the forest commissioner to
2 inquire into all complaints regarding violations of this act
3 and to prosecute violations thereof.

Sect. 4. Any person, firm, corporation or agent violating
2 any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine of
3 not more than five hundred dollars.