

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 23**

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In Senate, Jan. 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Phillips from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-five of Chapter Eight of  
the Revised Statutes, Relating to Building of Camp Fires.

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

Section thirty-five of chapter eight is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the words "one-half of any fine imposed and  
3 collected under this section shall be paid by the complain-  
4 ant" in the ninth line of said section; and by substituting  
5 in place thereof the following words: 'Whoever throws  
6 away in the woods any lighted match, burning cigarette or  
7 cigar stub, live fire from a pipe, or any other burning sub-  
8 stance, or who is otherwise careless with fire in the woods

9 shall be subject on conviction to a fine of not less than ten  
10 nor more than fifty dollars.

'Whoever is responsible for starting a forest fire, whether  
2 personally or through an agent or employee, shall be re-  
3 quired to pay the entire cost of fighting and extinguishing  
4 said fire, such cost to be recovered through an action by  
5 the state or by the town, plantation, or city concerned against  
6 the person or persons responsible,' so that said section as  
7 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 35. Whoever by himself, or by his servant, agent  
2 or guide, or as the servant, agent or guide of any other  
3 person, shall build a camp, cooking or other fire, or use  
4 an abandoned camp, cooking or other fire, in or adjacent  
5 to any woods in this state shall, before leaving such fire,  
6 totally extinguish the same, and upon failure to do so, such  
7 person shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars, provided  
8 that such fires built upon the sea beach in such situation  
9 that they cannot spread into forest land, woodland, or cul-  
10 tivated lands or meadows, shall not be construed as pro-  
11 hibited by this section.

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