

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 159

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In Senate, March 1, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and five hundred copies ordered printed.. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spencer of York.

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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 Conferring Power upon the Public Utilities Commission to Prescribe the Standard for Coal in This State.

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

Section 1. The public utilities commission is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the quality of anthracite coal sold or offered for sale in this state and to prescribe the standard for the same. The standard so established shall be promulgated by circulars sent to all coal dealers in the state, so far as they can be ascertained, and by the publication in the newspapers or otherwise as the commission may deem best. The said standard shall be determined and promulgated as aforesaid on or before the fif-

10 tenth day of July in the current year, and it shall be un-  
 11 lawful for any person to sell or offer for sale in this state  
 12 any anthracite coal which falls below the standard so estab-  
 13 lished. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be  
 14 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five  
 15 hundred dollars for each offense.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the attorney general and  
 2 of the several county attorneys to investigate any alleged  
 3 case of the violation of the provisions of section one of this  
 4 act, and to prosecute any persons, firms or corporations  
 5 guilty of such violation.