

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. 554

S. D. 234

In Senate, March 19, 1925.

Reported by Senator Wilson from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Prohibiting Pollution with Mill Waste of the Lakes
and Ponds and Certain Specified Rivers, Brooks and Streams
of the State.

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

Section thirty-two of chapter two hundred and nineteen
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the
4 public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and as amend-
5 ed by chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the public
6 laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and as amended

7 by chapter fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred
8 and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of
9 said section and by substituting therefor the following sec-
10 tion:

‘Sect. 32. No person or corporation shall place or deposit
2 in any of the lakes or ponds of the state, or into any of the
3 following named rivers, brooks and streams, to wit: in
4 Aroostook county, the Aroostook river or any of its tribu-
5 taries; the Prestile stream or any of its tributaries; Fish
6 river and all of its tributaries, except Sly brook; Walla-
7 grass river for a distance of three miles from its mouth;
8 Little Madawaska river or any of its tributaries; in Cum-
9 berland county, in any of the rivers, brooks or streams ly-
10 ing wholly or in part in the towns of Sebago, Naples, Casco
11 and Raymond; Breakneck brook and its tributaries; in any
12 of the tributaries to Highland lake; Mill brook in West-
13 brook; in Franklin county, in any of the tributaries to Lake
14 Webb; in Kennebec county, in any of the tributaries to
15 McGraw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long, Little and Snow
16 ponds; in Potter Mill stream, in Litchfield; in any of the
17 tributaries to any of the lakes or ponds lying wholly or
18 partly in the towns of Vienna and Mount Vernon; in Wes-
19 ton brook in Manchester; in Knox county, in any of the
20 tributaries to Crawford pond, in Union and Warren; in
21 Lincoln county, in Jackson Mill stream, or in Joe Weeks’
22 Mill stream, tributaries to Damariscotta lake; in Oxford
23 county, Bog brook and its tributaries, in Oxford and He-

24 bron (and in Minot and Mechanic Falls in Androscoggin
25 county); Swift river and its tributaries, in the counties of
26 Oxford and Franklin; Carrabasset river, in Kingfield and
27 New Portland, in the counties of Franklin and Somerset;
28 the outlet of Worthley pond in Peru; in Ellis river and its
29 tributaries; Cambridge river, in Upton and Grafton; Bear
30 river, in Newry and Grafton; Cold river and its tributaries,
31 in Stow; the tributaries to Upper Kezar pond in Lovell;
32 in Penobscot county, the west branch of Mattawamkeag
33 stream and its tributaries; Kimball brook, Shin brook and
34 Seboeis river, tributaries to east branch of the Penobscot
35 river; Fish stream, a tributary to Mattawamkeag river;
36 Olamon stream; in Piscataquis county, Ferguson stream;
37 Alder stream and its tributaries; Piscataquis river; the
38 south branch of the Piscataquis river and its tributaries in
39 Abbot and in Kingsbury plantation; Thorn brook and its
40 tributaries in the towns of Abbot and Blanchard and in
41 Kingsbury plantation; Higgins stream and its tributaries in
42 the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis; Main stream, a
43 tributary to Great Moose lake, in Hartland and Harmony,
44 said Main stream being situated in the counties of Penob-
45 scot, Piscataquis and Somerset, or in any of the tributaries
46 to said Main stream; Jimmie brook in the town of Cam-
47 bridge, in Somerset county; in Waldo county, Half Moon
48 or Sandy stream and its tributaries; the tributaries to Seven
49 Tree pond; the tributaries to Unity pond; the outlet of
50 said Unity pond, which outlet is situated in the towns of

51 Burnham and Unity; St. George's river, in Montville and
52 Searsmont; Passagassawaukeag river, or any of its tribu-
53 taries, in the county of Waldo; Medomak stream, in Lib-
54 erty; the Sheepscot river or any of its tributaries, which
55 waters are situated in the towns of Palermo, Liberty, Mont-
56 ville and Freedom, in the county of Waldo; in Washington
57 county, Baskahegan stream, in the town of Danforth; in
58 York county, Heath brook, in the town of Acton; Little
59 Ossipee river, within the limits of the towns of Shapleigh,
60 Newfield, Waterboro, Limerick and Limington; Norton
61 and Brown brooks and their tributaries in Shapleigh and
62 Limerick, or allow the same to be done by anyone in their
63 employ, any slabs, edgings, sawdust, chips, bark, mill waste,
64 shavings or fibrous material created in the manufacture of
65 lumber, or place or deposit the same on the banks of any
66 of the above-named waters in such negligent or careless
67 manner that the same shall fall or be washed into said
68 waters, or with the intent that the same shall fall or be
69 washed into said waters. Whoever violates any provision
70 of this section shall pay a fine of not less than five nor
71 more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.

Provided, further, that the commissioner of inland fish-
2 eries and game and the forest commissioner shall have au-
3 thority, upon petition of twenty-five citizens of this state,
4 and after due notice and public hearing in the locality of
5 the waters to be affected, at which hearing all parties inter-
6 ested may be heard, to promulgate rules and regulations

7 prohibiting the pollution of any of the brooks, streams or
8 rivers in this state with slabs, edgings, sawdust, chips, bark,
9 mill waste, shavings, or any fibrous material created in the
10 manufacture of lumber. A copy of any regulations pro-
11 mulgated by virtue of this section shall be filed in the office
12 of the clerk of courts, in the county in which the waters
13 are situated, and shall be published three times in a news-
14 paper printed in the county wherein the waters are situated.
15 Whoever violates any provision of any rules and regula-
16 tions of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game and
17 the forest commissioner promulgated by virtue of this sec-
18 tion, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more
19 than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'