

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 62

S. P. 149

In Senate, Feb. 10, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carter of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section One of Chapter Ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Right to Erect and Maintain Mill Dams and to Divert Water by a Canal for Mills.

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

Section one of chapter ninety-seven of the revised statutes
2 of Maine of nineteen hundred and sixteen is hereby amend-
3 ed by adding to said section, in the first line thereof before
4 the following words, "Any man may on his own land," the
5 words 'except as hereinafter provided'; and by adding to said
6 section in the last line thereof after the word "expressed,"
7 the following comma and words, ', but no dam shall be
8 raised and placed in any river, stream or other water for
9 the storage of water by it impounded, and creating thereby

10 a reservoir basin by raising the level of water in any river,
11 stream or other water, except such dam be authorized by
12 special act of legislature.'

So that said section one of chapter ninety-seven of the re-
2 vised statutes of Maine of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as
3 amended, shall read as follows:

'Except as hereinafter provided any man may on his own
2 land, erect and maintain a water-mill and dam to raise
3 water for working it, upon and across any stream, not navi-
4 gable; or, for the purpose of propelling mills or machinery,
5 may cut a canal and erect walls and embankments upon his
6 own land, not exceeding one mile in length, and thereby
7 divert from its natural channel the water of any stream not
8 navigable, upon the terms and conditions, and subject to
9 the regulations hereinafter expressed, but no dam shall be
10 raised and placed in any river, stream or other water for
11 the storage of water by it impounded and creating thereby
12 a reservoir basin by raising the level of water in any river,
13 stream or other water, except such dam be authorized by
14 special act of the legislature.'

Chapter two hundred and two of the public laws of Maine
2 of nineteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby repealed.