

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**House Document**

**No. 721**

S. P. 713          House of Representatives, March 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Four and Ten of Chapter One Hundred Twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes as Amended, Relative to Malicious Injuries to Certain Public Property.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter one hundred twenty-  
2 nine of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one  
3 hundred twenty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hun-  
4 dred seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word  
5 "five" in the sixth line of said section as amended and by  
6 inserting in place thereof the word 'one,' and by striking  
7 out the words "any term of years" in the sixth and sev-  
8 enth lines of said section as amended and by inserting in

9 place thereof the words 'not more than eleven months,' so  
10 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. *Injuries to public property, particularly to water*  
2 *systems; penalty.* Whoever knowingly and wilfully de-  
3 stroys or injures any public building, armory, breast work,  
4 trench, fortification, wharf, pier or dock or whoever know-  
5 ingly and wilfully destroys or injures any property, con-  
6 duit, pipe line, reservoir, structure or apparatus used in  
7 supplying water to the public or to any portion thereof,  
8 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand  
9 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than eleven  
10 months.'

Sect. 2. Section ten of chapter one hundred twenty-nine  
2 of the revised statutes as amended by section one hundred  
3 twenty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven-  
4 teen as amended by chapter eighteen of the public laws of  
5 nineteen hundred twenty-three is amended by striking out  
6 the words "any term of" in the eleventh line of said sec-  
7 tion as amended and by inserting in place thereof the words  
8 'not more than three' and by striking out the words "ten  
9 thousand" in the eleventh line of said section as amended  
10 and by inserting in place thereof the words 'five hundred,'  
11 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. *Injuries to dams, canals, mill machinery,*  
2 *ponds, engines and electrical fixtures; obstruction of bridges*  
3 *and ways; penalty.* Whoever wilfully or maliciously in-  
4 jures, removes or destroys any dam, reservoir, fishway,

5 fish screen, canal, trench or their appurtenances, or the  
6 gear or machinery of a mill or manufactory; draws off the  
7 water from a mill pond, canal or trench; destroys or in-  
8 jures any engine or its apparatus for the extinguishment  
9 of fire, or any posts, glass caps, wires or other material  
10 used in the construction and operation of a telegraph, tele-  
11 phone, electric light or electric power line; removes, in-  
12 jures or destroys any public or toll bridge, or places any  
13 obstruction on such bridge or on any public road, with  
14 intent to injure persons or property passing thereon, shall  
15 be punished by imprisonment for not more than three years  
16 or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.'