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H. P. 1919

House of Representatives, October 27, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Howes of Charleston.

S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Damages Done by Beaver.

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

**R. S., c. 38, amended.** Chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 73-A and to read as follows:

**'Sec. 73-A. Damages done by beaver, compensation.** Whenever damages has been caused to the owners of land in organized towns, they may issue a complaint thereon to be signed by the selectmen of their respective towns to the department of inland fisheries and game. The said department shall investigate said complaint, and if in its opinion they are justified, shall remove the said beaver within 60 days from the date of the complaint. The said department is hereby authorized to remove said beaver and cause the dams created by said beaver to be destroyed. In case the department shall fail to destroy the said beaver dams, any land owner damaged by such failure may destroy the said dams, and upon satisfactory proof of the damage to the property and the expense of the removal of said dam shall be compensated by the said department in the same manner that damages are rewarded to those injured by damages caused to growing crops by deer.'