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In Senate, October 28, 1937.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Purity of the Drinking Water Supplied to North  
Windham.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the inhabitants in that part of the town of Windham known as North Windham are suffering from an inadequate supply of pure water, and

Whereas, under the provisions of chapter 26 of the private and special laws of 1937, the Portland Water District was authorized to take water from Chaffin pond in said North Windham for the purpose of supplying water to said inhabitants, and

Whereas, the public utilities commission of Maine has ordered the Portland Water District to furnish such supply of water, and said District is now constructing a water system for that purpose and proposes to take water from Chaffin pond, and

Whereas, it is necessary to protect the water in said Chaffin pond from contamination, and heretofore said pond has been used for the purpose of boating, bathing and fishing, and a continuation of such uses will tend to pollute the waters of said pond and render the same unsuitable for use as a public water supply, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Bathing and fishing forbidden in Chaffin pond.** Chapter 26 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended by numbering the act as section 1 and adding thereto the following sections:

**Sec. 2. Bathing, etc., forbidden in Chaffin pond.** No person shall bathe in the waters of Chaffin pond, nor shall any person wash any articles of personal apparel in the waters of said pond, nor fish therein, or boat thereon except as may be found necessary by said district in protecting the waters thereof.

**Sec. 3. Trespassing forbidden; posting.** All persons are forbidden trespassing on the lands purchased, taken or otherwise acquired by the Portland Water District for the purpose of protecting the purity of the waters of Chaffin pond. Notices that the lands are so taken and held shall be posted in conspicuous places on said lands and along the shore of said pond.

**Sec. 4. Penalty.** Any person violating the provisions of either the preceding sections shall be liable to a fine payable to the state of not more than \$20 for each offense.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.