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House of Representatives, January 25, 1939.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone by request.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Cutting Forest Growth Adjacent to Woodlands in
Unorganized Townships.**

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

R. S., c. 11, § 53, amended. Section 53 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 53. Debris and inflammable material caused by cutting forest growth adjacent to woodlands owned by another shall be disposed of; slash and debris caused by portable sawmills shall be disposed of; permit to be obtained for the burning of blueberry lands and grass lands adjacent to forest growth. Any person, firm, corporation, or agent, cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way of any railroad or highway within the state, shall leave the growth uncut on the land within 50 feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county, or state road; (or shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within 50 feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county, or state road). Any person, firm, corporation, or agent cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to woodlands owned by an-

other within the state outside the limits of the Maine forestry district and all such firms, persons, and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees, permittees, or lessees operate, or permit operation of portable sawmills on land which borders on woodland shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within 50 feet of the line of cutting on the side or sides towards such woodland. **Wherever in the preceding part of this section "50" appears, 150 feet shall be the rule in all unorganized townships.** Provided, however, that consent and direction in writing from the forestry department shall be required for the burning of such brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth except when the ground is covered with snow. The forest commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the chief forest fire wardens and to the municipal officers of all towns and organized plantations of the state, blank permits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth. Any chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers of the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have full authority to countersign and grant such permits signed by the forest commissioner. The forest commissioner, may, however, in any particular case called to his attention, overrule the decision of the chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers, and himself grant the permit asked for or forbid the granting of the same. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of \$50.'