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Presented by Mr. Miller of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to Pollution of Waters.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 36, repealed. Section 36 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 36. Deposit of slabs, edgings, sawdust, sewerage, in streams, etc., prohibited. No person shall place or deposit in inland waters, or on the banks thereof, in such manner that the same shall fall or be washed into such waters any slabs, edgings, chips, bark, mill waste, shavings, sewerage, fibrous materials or other waste created in the manufacture of lumber or other wood products or any oil regardless of its source.

The following rivers are exempt from the provisions of the preceding paragraph; the Presumpscot river, the Mousam river, the Androscoggin river, below the New Hampshire line, the Kennebec river below Bingham, the Penobscot river, East Branch of below Medway, West Branch of, below a point 10 miles above Millinocket.

If any person believes it to be necessary in the prosecution of its business to deposit any or all of the materials mentioned in the preceding paragraph in some inland water, or on the banks thereof, where such deposition is now prohibited, such person may make application to the public utilities commission, which commission together with the director of the bureau of health and the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, shall give notice thereof and hold a hearing, and shall have authority to issue such permit as they deem advisable and necessary or to deny such petition.'