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House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and 650 copies ordered. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Starrett of Warren.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Seed Trees.

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

Sec. 1. Pines. Every person responsible for the operation of lumbering or cutting timber on pine woodlands shall leave standing, upon every acre where pine trees represent 75% or more of the total number of trees of merchantable size upon said acre, at least 1 pine tree 10 inches or over in diameter on the stump and of sufficient spread of crown to be wind-firm and capable of producing an abundance of seed cones during the bearing years.

Sec. 2. Cutting. Such pine trees left for seed shall be the property of the land owner, but they shall not be cut until at least 15 years have elapsed after the operation of lumbering on said land, except where such seed trees interfere with the clearing and improvement of land for agricultural or other purposes.

Sec. 3. Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of the 2 preceding sections shall be punished by a fine equivalent to \$5 for each acre upon which a seed pine has not been left standing as therein provided.

Sec. 4. Statement; penalty. Every person shall, before beginning lumbering on any pine woodland as defined in section 1, file with the

forest commissioner a statement of intention, giving the name, location and approximate size of the lot to be operated. Whoever fails so to report shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

Sec. 5. Examination. It shall be the duty of the forest commissioner to examine all pine woodlands during or immediately following lumbering operations, to determine whether or not the provisions hereof have been complied with.