

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 359

In Senate, February 12, 1941.

Taken from the table on motion by Senator Snow of Piscataquis, and on further motion by the same senator referred to Committee on Maine Publicity and sent down for concurrence. 750 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Snow of Piscataquis.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Automobile Junk Yards.**

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

**Sec. 1. Establishment and maintenance of automobile junk yards, regulated.** No automobile dump, or "automobile graveyard," so-called, where 3 or more old, discarded, worn-out or junked automobiles, or parts thereof are gathered together shall be established, operated or maintained, without first obtaining annually a permit so to do from the municipal officers of the city or town wherein said dump is to be established, operated or maintained.

**Sec. 2. Hearings.** Municipal officers shall, before granting a permit to establish, operate or maintain an automobile dump, hold a public hearing, notices of which shall be posted, at least 7 days prior to said hearing, in not less than 3 public places in said city, or town wherein such dump is to be established, operated or maintained.

**Sec. 3. Limitations on granting permits.** No permit shall be granted or renewed for an automobile dump within 1000 feet of any state or state aid highway and now designated as such highway by the state highway department; or within view from any state or state aid highway unless

entirely screened by natural objects, a live hedge of evergreen trees or by well constructed, painted and properly maintained fences ; or within 50 feet from the nearer line of the travelled way of any public highway ; or within 500 feet of any public park, public playground, school, church or cemetery. Any person, firm or corporation now maintaining or operating an automobile dump in violation of the limitation of this section must secure a permit and remove or relocate such dump not later than 3 years from the effective date of this act.

**Sec. 4. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for each day such violation continues and it is hereby made the duty of the state police to enforce the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 5. P. L., 1933, c. 106, not affected.** Nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any way repealing, amending, invalidating or abrogating the provisions of chapter 106 of the public laws of 1933. The holder of such permit, its or his agents or servants, shall at all times be subject to the provisions of said chapter.

**Sec. 6. P. L., 1937, c. 198, repealed.** Chapter 198 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed.