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House of Representatives, February 1, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Clifton.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Licenses for Portable Sawmills.**

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

**R. S., c. 32, § 72, amended.** Section 72 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 72. Portable sawmills to be licensed by commissioner; disposition of license fees; penalty.** It shall be unlawful to erect a portable sawmill without first obtaining a license therefor from the commissioner. Application shall be made upon blanks prepared by the commissioner for this purpose. A proper record of all applications for licenses and all licenses issued shall be kept by the commissioner at his office and shall be open to inspection of any person during reasonable business hours, and when said mill is located in towns, duplicate licenses sent municipal officers. The fee for such license shall be \$25, which shall be deposited at the time of making the application, and all licenses shall expire 1 year from the date of their issue. The commissioner or forest fire wardens in towns may at any time suspend or revoke any license for the violations of the slash laws; and he or they may suspend such license in times of drought as to any portable sawmill, the operation of which would create an extra fire hazard. **Furthermore all portable sawmills shall be equipped with spark arrestors and all logging tractors operating in the woods shall equip their exhaust pipes**

with spark arrestors whenever in the judgment of the forest commissioner it should be necessary due to fire hazard conditions. Upon application filed and recorded as aforesaid the commissioner shall grant a permit to change the location of any portable sawmill. **A change of ownership will not affect the licensing of a portable sawmill, but the new owner shall notify the forest commissioner in writing of the transfer. Such mill shall not be operated until such transfer of registration has been approved by the forest commissioner.** All money accruing from the issuance of licenses as provided for in this section shall be added to and become a part of the fund for the purchase of lands and general forestry purposes. Whoever erects a portable sawmill without first obtaining a license from the commissioner as provided in this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500. Any portable sawmill so erected without a license shall be deemed a public nuisance without other proof than its use.'