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House of Representatives, February 8, 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. Morrison of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Prevention of Forest Fires.

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

R. S., c. 32, amended. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 83-A to 83-D, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 83-A. Forest commissioner may prohibit smoking and building of out-of-door fires. Whenever during periods of drought it shall appear to the forest commissioner that smoking and building of out-of-door fires in the woods are a menace to the forests of this state, he may by written order prohibit both in such sections of the state and for such periods as in his judgment seems necessary.’

‘Sec. 83-B. Order to be published and posted; copy to be filed with secretary of state. Such order shall be published in such newspapers of the state and posted in such places as the forest commissioner deems necessary and a copy of such order shall be filed with the secretary of state.’

‘Sec. 83-C. When order may be annulled. If after issuing the order provided for in section 83-A, by reason of rains or otherwise, the forest commissioner is satisfied that the occasion for the issuance of the order has passed, he may annul it by another written order affecting the sections

covered in the original prohibitory order, or any part thereof, which said order shall be published and posted in the same manner as provided for the issuance of the prohibitory order.'

'Sec. 83-D. Penalty for failure to observe order. Whoever, while the prohibitory order provided for in section 83-A is in effect, smokes or builds fires out-of-doors in the woods shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 and costs for each offense.'