

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leathers of Hermon.

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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 Public Dumping Grounds.

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

R. S., c. 88, amended. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto, after section 7 thereof, the following :

#### ‘Public Dumping Grounds

Sec. 7-A. Public dumping grounds. Rubbish, refuse, debris, trash, garbage, and similar waste materials, shall be disposed of by incineration, burial, sanitary fill, or at a public dumping ground. Special areas to be used by the public for burial, sanitary fill, or dumping grounds shall be provided by the governing body of each incorporated city, town, or other political subdivision within the state. Such areas shall be known as public dumping grounds and any such area provided after the effective date of this act shall not be located within 1 mile of a residential or business area of a city, town, or political subdivision, or to a federal or state highway, park, recreational area, cemetery or monument, and such dumping grounds shall be maintained at all times so that nuisance conditions are not created. If any city, town, or political subdivision owns no land suitable for such an area, the governing body of such city, town or political subdivision shall purchase, lease or otherwise acquire control of sufficient property for such purposes.

If aforesaid waste materials are disposed of by incineration, the location of such units shall be subject to the approval of the department of health and welfare, bureau of health.

Sec. 7-B. Penalty. Any person who dumps, deposits, places, throws or leaves any refuse, rubbish, debris, trash, or similar waste materials, except fertilizer used for agricultural or similar purposes upon any land, lot or property, public or private, except on such public dumping grounds as now are or hereafter shall be provided as prescribed herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor on conviction thereof.

Sec. 7-C. Nothing in sections 7-A and 7-B shall apply to waste potatoes or other products of the land for the disposal of which other legislation may be applicable.'