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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Newport.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Pollution of the Sebasticook River.**

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

**Sec. 1. Pollution unlawful.** It shall be unlawful to cause the pollution of any of the waters of the Sebasticook river, so called, or the tributaries to said river, or of any lakes or ponds on the watershed of said river, which at the present time is not subject to pollution as defined by this chapter; or to increase the pollution to any of the aforesaid waters which at the present time are from any cause receiving pollution.

**Sec. 2. Complaint of pollution and action.** Upon complaint to the State Sanitary Water Board that any of the aforesaid waters is receiving pollution, the board shall make a study of the conditions and if possible by cooperation with the offending party or parties work out a reasonable solution thereof. If said offending party refuses or neglects to act reasonably in the premises, the board, acting through the attorney-general, may proceed at law or in equity to procure relief from the pollution condition.

**Sec. 3. "Pollution" defined.** For the purposes of this chapter, pollution shall be regarded as existing in any of the aforesaid waters if, as the result of any discharge of any liquid, solid, or gaseous substances, the quality of any of such waters is impaired for public water supply, bathing or

recreational purposes, or use by livestock, or kills or is injurious to fish life, or is injurious to public health or comfort.

The Sanitary Water Board shall have the right to decide and define where such pollution exists and it is hereby given jurisdiction for that purpose.