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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Pollution in Cobbosseecontee and Annabessacook
Lakes and Tributaries.**

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 Cobbosseecontee and Annabessacook lakes and tributaries to said lakes which at the present time are 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.

Sec. 4. Limitation. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting in any way the authority of the attorney-general to bring action for the abatement of nuisances.