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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1187**

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In Senate, April 17, 1945.

On motion by Sen. Sterling of Somerset, ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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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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Senate Amendment "B" to H. P. 1006, L. D. 552, Bill "An Act Relating to the Prevention of Forest Fires."

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Amend said Bill by striking out all of said Bill after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 1. 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. Governor may take certain action to aid in prevention of forest fires. Whenever, during periods of drought, it shall appear to the governor that hunting or fishing is likely to be a menace to the forests of this state, he may by proclamation suspend the open season for hunting or fishing for such time and in such sections of the state as he may in such proclamation designate, or prohibit smoking or building fires out of doors in the woods for any such time and sections. The type and manner of fishing prohibited shall be designated in the proclamation and public camp sites maintained by the forestry department shall not be closed.'**

**'Sec. 83-B. Proclamation to be published and posted; copy to be filed with secretary of state. Such proclamation shall be published in such newspapers of the state and posted in such places as the governor deems necessary and a copy of such proclamation shall be filed with the secretary of state. A like attested copy shall be furnished to the forest commis-**

sioner, who shall attend to the posting and publication of the proclamation. All expense thereof and all the expense of enforcing the provisions of the proclamation shall be paid by said commissioner, after allowance by the state controller, from the appropriation for general forestry purposes.'

'Sec. 83-C. When proclamation may be annulled. If after issuing the proclamation provided for in section 83-A, by reason of rains or otherwise, the governor is satisfied that the occasion for the issuance of the proclamation has passed, he may annul it by another proclamation affecting the sections covered by the original proclamation, or any part thereof, which said proclamation shall be published and posted in the same manner as provided for the issuance of the original proclamation.'

'Sec. 83-D. Penalty for failure to observe proclamation. Whoever, while the proclamation provided for in section 83-A is in effect, violates any provision thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 and costs for each offense.'

Sec. 2. R. S., 1930, c. 11, certain exempted sections repealed. Sections 38, 39, 40, 41 and that part of section 60 which relates to copies of law of R. S. 1930, chapter 11, sections 38, 39, 40 and 41, of chapter 11 of the revised statutes of 1930 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. P. L., 1931, c. 180, repealed. Chapter 180 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. P. L., 1943, c. 35, repealed. Chapter 35 of the public laws of 1943 is hereby repealed."