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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-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Public Dumping Grounds.

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

R. S., c. 88, §§ 7-A to 7-C, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 7-A, 7-B and 7-C, to read as follows :

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 such 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 sections 7-A to 7-C, inclusive, shall not be located within a reasonable distance of a residential or business area of a city, town or political subdivision, or of a federal or state highway, park, recreational area, cemetery or monument. Such waste materials shall not be dumped directly into nor on the banks of any river, stream, lake, pond or similar water course where such waste material may fall or be washed into said water course. The location of such dumping area shall be approved by the state bureau of health 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 state 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. Exception. 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.'