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House of Representatives, February 12, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Weeks of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Authorizing Cities and Towns to Assess a Charge for the Use of
Sewers and Sewer Systems.**

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

R. S., c. 80, § 83, sub-§ XX, additional. Section 83 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new subsection, to be numbered XX, to read as follows:

XX. Authorizing and empowering, by ordinance or by-law, to assess from time to time upon any person or persons owning, occupying or using lots benefited or served by the sewers or sewer system of said city or town, a charge for the use of said sewers or sewer system in such an amount as bears a reasonable relation to the cost to said city or town of the service rendered to said persons. The money so received may be applied to the payment of the cost of operation, maintenance and repair of such sewers or sewer system, or of any debt contracted for sewer purposes.

Said cities and towns may by ordinance or by-law define the person or persons upon whom such charge shall be assessed, may adopt such other rules or regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provi-

sions of this subsection, and may impose a penalty or penalties for any violation of such ordinance, by-law, rules or regulations.

The charge so assessed shall constitute a lien upon each and every lot so benefited or served, and such lien shall be enforced and collected in the manner provided by law for the enforcement and collection of taxes assessed against such property.

The provisions of this subsection are not to be construed as revoking, altering or amending any provisions of law for sewer assessment now lawfully assessed by said cities or towns but it is to be construed as authorizing a charge for the use of such sewer or sewer systems for disposal purposes and in addition to all other sewer assessments now lawfully imposed by said cities or towns under the provisions of any public or special law now in effect.'