

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Deposit of Potatoes into Waters of the State.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, there is an over-production of potatoes in the state, and

Whereas, such over-production cannot be shipped out of the state because of lack of cars and deterioration, and

Whereas, such potatoes are being deposited in the waters of the state to such extent that pollution of such waters has occurred, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,

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

**R. S., c. 72, §§ 9-11, additional.** Chapter 72 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 9 to 11, inclusive, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Deposit of potatoes into streams, etc.** No person, firm, corporation or federal agency shall deposit potatoes or any part or parts thereof,

into any stream, pond, lake or other body of water or water course, or on the ice thereof, or on the banks of the same where such potatoes, or any part or parts thereof, may pollute such waters.

**Sec. 10. Duty of water board.** The sanitary water board shall be charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of section 9.

**Sec. 11. Penalty.** Whoever violates the provisions of section 9 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.