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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Savage of Mt. Desert.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Elimination of Fire Hazards.

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

R. S., c. 85, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof, the following:

'If a dangerous condition shall exist in open fields or lots as a result of natural causes, and if, in the judgment of the fire inspector its existence or recurrence cannot readily be prevented, corrected or removed by the owner or occupant of the premises without incurring undue financial or other hardship, the said officer may take such remedial measures by burning or other removal of such dangerous condition, making use of the local fire departments and personnel, the costs therefor to be borne by the town, city or plantation wherein the premises are located. This provision is especially intended to apply to hazardous conditions caused by dried grass in open fields when located near properties liable to be damaged in the event of uncontrolled conflagration.'