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House of Representatives, February 12, 1953.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gowell of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Inflammable Oils and Liquids.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 85, §§ 41-N and 41-O, additional. Chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections, to be numbered 41-N and 41-O, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 41-N. Keeping of flammable liquids restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep, store, transport, sell or use any liquefied gas, manufactured or artificial gas, crude petroleum, coal oils, burning fluids, benzine, benzol, gasoline, naphtha, ether, or other like volatile combustibles, or other compounds, in such manner or under such circumstances as will jeopardize life or property.

Sec. 41-O. Regulations authorized. The insurance commissioner shall enforce the provisions of sections 41-N and 41-O, and is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the keeping, storing, transporting, selling or using of flammable liquids and liquefied petroleum gases. Such rules shall be made to apply to all persons, associations and corporations transporting, storing, physically handling or using such liquids and gases, and may prescribe the sort of vehicles to be used, necessary safety devices and equipment for such vehicles, and identification marks therefor; may define lawful containers and

designate the places where these shall be located; may establish minimum standards for correctness of design, construction and performance of appliances containing or using such fluids or gases, or generating the same. All rules and regulations so promulgated, when approved by the governor and council, with or without public hearing as the governor and council may determine, and when filed with the secretary of state, shall have the force of law, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and section 41-N. The commissioner and his representatives shall have the right to enter all premises subject to this inspection.

Any person, including officers and agents of any corporation, violating any provision of sections 41-N or 41-O, or any lawful rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such and imprisonment.'

Sec. 2. Repealing clause. So much of section 42 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes as is inconsistent with the provisions of sections 41-N and 41-O of said chapter 85 is hereby repealed.