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House of Representatives, March 10, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dudley of Enfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Opening Obstructions in Waters to Maintain Fish Life.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 14-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 14-A to read as follows:

‘Sec. 14-A. Flow of water regulated. During the months of September, October and November in each calendar year, any person owning, operating or controlling any dam or other obstruction across any river, creek, brook or other stream in this State shall at all times keep the same open so as to permit a flow of water sufficient to maintain fish life in the stream below such dam or other obstruction. This section shall not apply to a plant or dam where the water is discharged directly into a lake, mill pond, storage pond or cranberry marsh, nor shall it apply to cases where in the opinion of the commissioner such minimum discharge is not necessary for the protection of fish life. This section shall not apply to the main stem of the Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Saco or St. Croix Rivers.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300.’