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H. P. 999

House of Representatives, January 19, 1960.

Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of St. Albans.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY

**AN ACT Permitting Town of Hartland to Build and Maintain Dams and Sluice
Ways on Sebasticook River.**

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

Dams and sluice ways on the Sebasticook River. The Town of Hartland, by its municipal officers or by such commission as it may choose, is authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, maintain, repair and operate dams and sluice ways on the Sebasticook River at and below the outlet of Great Moose Lake, sometimes called Moose Pond, which said lake is located in the Towns of Hartland, Harmony, St. Albans and Athens, for the purpose of holding, storing, discharging and regulating the flow of water from said lake and the level of water in said lake and said river, for the protection of the public health, the comfort and well-being of its inhabitants and for the protection and advantage of their estates, and for these purposes may purchase, have, hold and enjoy in fee simple or any less estate, rights of flowage, lands, tenements or estates, real, personal or mixed, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing granted rights and powers, said Town of Hartland is hereby specifically authorized to purchase the Moore Dam, so called, in said Hartland, together with all rights of flowage and other rights appurtenant thereto and to maintain, operate, renew, replace and repair the same for the purposes aforesaid.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The dam, which is located almost in the middle of town, is important to the camp owners on Moose Pond to maintain the shore line; to the industries for process water; and to the Town of Hartland for sewage disposal. It has been offered for sale to the town, but existing law permits the existence of such a dam for power generating purposes only. Although it was originally built for that purpose, such is no longer its function. In order to own a dam which is not being used for water power, the town must be given specific legislative authority.