

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1853.

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

1853.

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**Chapter 4.**

An act to amend the twenty-first chapter of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. If any town in this state shall, at its annual meeting, omit to choose a health committee or a health officer, as provided in the fifteenth section of the twenty-first chapter of the revised statutes, the selectmen of such town shall be a health committee, and shall have all the powers, and shall perform all the duties prescribed and imposed by said twenty-first chapter, for and upon the health committee or health officer designated therein.

When any town shall neglect to choose a health committee.

—the selectmen shall be a health committee.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 17, 1853.]

**Chapter 5.**

An act additional to the one hundred and sixty-second chapter of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The eleventh section of the one hundred and sixty-second chapter of the revised statutes shall be amended by inserting after the word "orchard," in the second line as printed, the word "pasture," and also by inserting after the word "vegetables" in the fourth line, the words "turf or soil," also by adding the following words at the end of said section, viz: "and if any person shall knowingly authorize, or employ any other person to commit any of the trespasses enumerated in this section, he shall be liable as hereinbefore provided." So that said section, as amended, shall read as follows, viz :

Of malicious mischief.

SECT. 2. If any person shall willfully commit any trespass, by entering upon the garden, orchard, pasture or improved land of another with intent to take, carry away, destroy, or injure the trees, shrubs, grain, grass, hay, fruit or vegetables, turf or soil, there being, he shall be punished by a fine, not exceeding twenty dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days. And if any person shall knowingly authorize, or employ any other person to commit any of the trespasses enumerated in this section, he shall be liable as hereinbefore provided.

Trespass on gardens, orchards, pastures, or improved lands, with intent to take, carry away, &c.

Liability of any person employing another to commit such trespass.

[Approved February 17, 1853.]