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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fifth  
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## CHAP. 35

## Chapter 35.

An Act for the better protection of Forests from Fire.

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

Forest commissioner shall maintain fire patrol, along railroads.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the forest commissioner whenever, in his judgment, the woodlands along the railroads traversing the wild lands of the state, over which said commissioner has jurisdiction, are in a dry and dangerous condition, to maintain a competent and efficient fire patrol along the right of way or lands of such railroads.

Expense of fire patrol shall be paid by railroad company.

Section 2. The forest commissioner shall keep, or cause to be kept, an account of the cost of maintaining such fire patrol along the line of such railroad, including therein the wages and expenses of the employees engaged in maintaining such fire patrol, and the total cost thereof shall be paid to the forest commissioner, by the railroad company along whose land or right of way such patrol is maintained, such payment to be made monthly or on the presentation of the bills therefor. All such funds received by said commissioner shall be credited to the fund for the protection of the forests against fire from which it was drawn.

All fires shall be reported to forest commissioner.

Section 3. All fires started upon the right of way of any railroad or lands adjacent thereto shall be immediately reported to the commissioner upon blanks to be furnished by him, by the patrolman within whose limits the fire originated, setting forth the origin of such fire, the quantity and quality of the land burned over, and, if the fire was started by a locomotive, he shall give the number thereof.

Building fires along right of way.

Section 4. No railroad employee shall build a fire to burn rubbish along its right of way through forest lands when forbidden to do so by the forest commissioner, or his wardens.

R. R. company not released from damages.

Section 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed as releasing any railroad company from any damage caused by fires set by their locomotives or employees.

Approved March 15, 1911.