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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

1911

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fifth  
Legislature

*1911*

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**Chapter 135.****CHAP. 135**

An Act to amend Chapter three hundred fifty-nine, of the Special Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, relating to maintenance of a dam across Big Machias Stream, in the town of Ashland.

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

Section one, chapter three hundred fifty-nine, of the special laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby amended by substituting for the words "shall not," in the fourteenth line of said section, the word 'may,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 1,  
chapter 359,  
special laws  
of 1909,  
amended.

'Section 1. George R. Ketchum of Ashland, his heirs and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain a dam across Big Machias stream, so-called, in the town of Ashland on lots numbered fifty-five and fifty-six, for the purpose of raising a head of water and facilitating the driving of logs and lumber down the same; also to erect and maintain piers and booms in said stream in said town of Ashland and in Garfield plantation, for the purpose of holding all logs and lumber coming down said stream and destined for use or manufacture by said Ketchum. Said Ketchum is authorized to impound and restrain the natural flow of said waters only when and in so far as is necessary for log-driving purposes. The dam authorized by this act may be used for power purposes.

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ized across  
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All the property, rights and franchises within the state of Maine acquired, erected, owned, held or controlled by the said Ketchum, or his heirs and assigns, at any time after this act shall take effect, under and by virtue of the terms thereof, shall be subject to be taken over by, and become the property of, the state of Maine, whenever said state shall determine, by appropriate legislation, that the public interests require the same to be done. Upon taking effect of such legislation, the ownership of said property, rights and franchises shall immediately be transferred to, and vest in, said state of Maine, and said state shall pay to said corporation the fair value of all the same, excepting, however, such franchises and rights as are conferred upon said Ketchum under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, which said franchises and rights shall be wholly excluded in the determination of the amount to be paid to said Ketchum by said state of Maine.'

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