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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 196.**CHAP. 196**

An Act Providing for the Disposition of Inflammable Material Along the Railroads and Highways of the State.

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

Section 1. Any person, firm, corporation or agent, cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way of any railroad or highway within the State, shall leave the growth uncut on the land within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county or state road; or shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county or state road.

Inflam-
mable ma-
terial along
railroads
shall be re-
moved.

Section 2. Slash and debris accumulating by the construction and maintenance of railroads, highways or telegraph or telephone lines, shall be disposed of in such a manner that inflammable material shall not be left on the ground.

Slash and
debris, how
to be dis-
posed of.

Section 3. When any person, firm, corporation or agent shall have failed to dispose of slash and debris as ordered by this act, the Forest Commissioner shall cause such slash and debris to be so disposed of. He shall pay the expense of so disposing of such slash and debris from any funds at his disposal, legally applicable to such purpose; and he or his successor in office shall be entitled to recover double the amount of such expenditures in an action of debt, to be prosecuted by the Attorney General in the Supreme Judicial court in the county of Kennebec, against the person, firm, corporation or agent whose duty it was to dispose of such slash or debris; and there shall be a lien on the land on which the cutting of the forest growth took place, to secure any judgment recovered in such action, to be enforced by attachment in said action, made within six months after such expenditures were made. The sum recovered and collected in such action shall be returned to and become a part of the fund from which the expenditures were made. Provided, however, that any person, firm, corporation or agent cutting wood or timber during the winter, after November first, shall have until May first following in the Maine forestry district, and until April first in the remainder of the State, to remove such slash and debris. If such slash and debris are destroyed by burning, such burning shall be done with the permission of the Forest Commissioner.

Forest Com-
missioner
may dispose
of slash and
debris and
recover
double the
cost in ac-
tion of debt.

Attorney
General
shall prose-
cute the
case in
Kennebec
Supreme
Judicial
court.

—lien on
land en-
forced by
attach-
ment.

—proviso.

—permit for
burning.