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Chapter 174.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-two of Chapter Thirty-three, of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Pollution of the Waters of the State by Sawdust and Other Mill Waste.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 32, 1917, c. 219, am. § 32, relative to depositing of mill waste in lakes and ponds, amended. Section thirty-two of chapter thirty-three, of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sec. 32. Commissioner of inland fisheries and game and forest commissioner may on petition and hearing prohibit deposit in any of the lakes and streams; penalty for violation. No person or corporation shall place or deposit in any of the lakes or ponds of the state, or into any of the following named rivers, brooks and streams, to wit, in Aroostook county, the Aroostook river or any of its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook, in Sheridan plantation, except sawdust made by gang saws, main rotaries, up and down saws in water mills in use prior to nineteen hundred and three; Fish river and all its tributaries down as far as the foot of Eagle lake, except Sly brook; Wallagrass river for a distance of three miles from its mouth; Little Madawaska river or any of its tributaries; in Cumberland county, in any of the rivers, brooks or streams lying wholly or in part in the towns of Naples, Casco and Raymond; Breakneck brook and its tributaries; in any of the tributaries to Highland lake; Mill brook in Westbrook; in Franklin county, in any of the tributaries to Lake Webb; in Kennebec county, in any of the tributaries to McGraw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long, Little and Snow ponds; in Potter mill stream, in Litchfield; in any of the tributaries to any of the lakes or ponds lying wholly or partly in the towns of Vienna and Mount Vernon; in Knox county, in any of the tributaries to Crawford pond in Union and Warren; in Lincoln county, in Jackson mill stream, or in Joe Weeks’ mill stream, tributaries to Damariscotta lake; in Oxford county, Bog brook and its tributaries, in Oxford and Hebron (and in Minot and Mechanic Falls in Androscoggin county); Swift river and its tributaries, in the counties of Oxford and Franklin; the outlet of Worthley pond in Peru; in Ellis river and its tributaries; Cambridge river, in Upton and Grafton; Bear river, in Newry and Grafton; Cold river and its tributaries, in Stowe; the tributaries to Upper Kezar pond in Lovell; in Penobscot county, the west branch of Mattawamkeag stream and its tributaries; Kimball brook, Shin brook and Seboeis river, tributaries to East branch of the Penobscot river; Fish stream, a tributary to Mattawamkeag river; Olamon stream; in

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Piscataquis county, Ferguson stream; the South branch of the Piscataquis river and its tributaries in the town of Kingsbury; Thorn brook and its tributaries in the towns of Abbot, Kingsbury and Blanchard; Higgins stream and its tributaries in the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis; in Waldo county, Half Moon or Sandy stream and its tributaries; the tributaries to Seven Tree pond; the tributaries to Unity pond; St. Georges river, in Montville and Searsmont; Ellis stream, in Waldo, Brooks and Belfast; in Washington county, Baskahegan stream, in the town of Danforth; in York county, Heath brook, in the town of Acton; Little Ossipee river, within the limits of the towns of Shapleigh, Newfield, Waterboro, Limerick and Limington; Norton and Brown brooks and their tributaries, in Shapleigh and Limerick, or allow the same to be done by anyone in their employ, any slabs, edgings, sawdust, chips, bark, mill waste, shavings or fibrous material created in the manufacture of lumber, or place or deposit the same on the banks of any of the above-named waters in such negligent or careless manner that the same shall fall or be washed into said waters, or with the intent that the same shall fall or be washed into said waters. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.

Provided further, that the commissioner of inland fisheries and game and the forest commissioner shall have authority, upon petition of twenty-five citizens of this state, and after due notice and public hearing in the locality of the waters to be affected, at which hearing all parties interested may be heard, to promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting the pollution of any of the brooks, streams, or rivers in this state with slabs, edgings, sawdust, chips, bark, mill waste, shavings, or any fibrous material created in the manufacture of lumber. A copy of any regulations promulgated by virtue of this section shall be filed in the office of the clerk of courts, in the county in which the waters are situated, and shall be published three times in a newspaper printed in the county wherein the waters are situated. Whoever violates any provision of any rules and regulations of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game and the forest commissioner promulgated by virtue of this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved April 4, 1919.