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Chapter 174.

An Act to Prohibit Pollution with Mill Waste of the Lakes and Ponds and Certain Specified Rivers, Brooks and Streams of the State.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 32; 1919, c. 174; 1921, c. 178; 1923, c. 15; relating to deposit of sawdust and other mill waste in lakes and streams, amended. Section thirty-two of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and as amended by chapter fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sec. 32. Little Androscoggin river, Androscoggin county; Prestile stream, whole of Aroostook river, Aroostook county; Weston brook in Manchester, Kennebec county; outlet of Unity pond, Medomak stream in Liberty, Sheepscot river, Waldo county; added to prohibited waters. 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 Androscoggin county, the Little Androscoggin river and any of its tributaries; in Aroostook county, the Aroostook river or any of its tributaries; the Prestile stream or any of its tributaries; Fish river and all of its tributaries, 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 Sebago, 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 Weston Brook in Manchester; 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; Carrabasset river, in Kingfield and New Portland, in the counties of Franklin and Somerset; 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 Stow; 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 Piscataquis county, Ferguson stream; Alder stream and its tributaries; Piscataquis river; the south branch of the Piscataquis river and its tributaries in Abbot and in Kingsbury Plantation; Thorn brook and its tributaries in the towns of Abbot and Blanchard and in Kingsbury plantation; Higgins stream and its tributaries in the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis; Main stream, a tributary to Great Moose lake, in Hartland and Harmony, said Main stream being situated in the counties of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset, or in any of the tributaries to said Main stream; Jimmie brook in the town of Cambridge, in Somerset county; in Waldo county, Half Moon or Sandy stream and its tributaries; the tributaries to Seven Tree pond; the tributaries to Unity pond; the outlet of said Unity pond, which outlet is situated in the towns of Burnham and Unity; St. George's river, in Montville and Searsmont; Passagassawaukeag river, or any of its tributaries, in the county of Waldo; Medomak stream, in Liberty; the Sheepscot river or any of its tributaries, which waters are situated in the towns of Palermo, Liberty, Montville and Freedom, in the county of Waldo; 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

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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.'

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Chapter 175.

An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Municipal Aid for Public Libraries.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1921, c. 210, sec. 28; relating to authorizing towns to establish and maintain free public libraries, amended. Section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and ten of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out beginning in the fourth line thereof the words "appropriate, for the foundation and commencement of such library, a sum not exceeding ten dollars, and for its maintenance and increase annually, a sum not exceeding two dollars for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding," and inserting in place thereof, the following: 'levy and assess a tax and make appropriation therefrom for the foundation and commencement of such library and for its maintenance and increase annually'; and by inserting between the words "the" and "general" in the eighth line thereof the word 'same,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 28. Fixed amount for founding and maintaining libraries, abolished; towns authorized to levy tax and make appropriations. Any town may establish a free public library therein, for the use of its inhabitants, and provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulation for its government as the inhabitants from time to time prescribe; and may levy and assess a tax and make appropriation therefrom for the foundation and commencement of such library and for its maintenance and increase annually. Any town in which there is a public library may establish and maintain under the same general management and control, such branches of the same as the convenience and wants of its citizens seem to demand.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1921, c. 210, sec. 29; relating to authorizing village corporations to establish free public libraries, amended. Section twenty-nine of chapter two hundred and ten of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out beginning in the fourth