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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Chapter 50

AN ACT Relating to the Slash Law.

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

R. S., c. 11, § 53, amended. Section 53 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 12 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 53. Debris and inflammable material caused by cutting forest growth adjacent to lands owned by another shall be disposed of; slash and debris caused by portable sawmills shall be disposed of; permit to be obtained for the burning of blueberry lands and grass lands adjacent to forest growth. 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 50 feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or ~~center~~ **from the nearer side** 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 50 feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or ~~center~~ **from the nearer side** of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county, or state road. Any person, firm, corporation, or agent cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to ~~woodlands~~ **lands** owned by another within the state outside the limits of the Maine forestry district or **within the district adjacent to property outside** and all such firms, persons, and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees, permittees, or lessees operate, or permit operation of portable sawmills on land which borders on ~~woodland~~ **land owned by another** shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within 50 feet of the ~~property line of cutting on the side or sides towards such woodland~~, provided, that the forest commissioner on his own initiative or upon written complaint of another declares that the situation constitutes a fire hazard. Provided, however, that consent and direction in writing from the forestry department shall be required for the burning of such brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth except when the ground is covered with snow. The forest commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the chief forest fire wardens and to the municipal officers of all towns and organized plantations of the state, blank permits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth. Any chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers of the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have full author-

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ity to countersign and grant such permits signed by the forest commissioner. The forest commissioner, may, however, in any particular case called to his attention, overrule the decision of the chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers, and himself grant the permit asked for or forbid the granting of the same. Also provided, that such slash and debris, which is not burned in accordance with terms of this section, shall be so broadcast as to keep the hazard on the tract at a minimum.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of \$50.'

Approved March 8, 1941

Chapter 51

AN ACT Relating to Mutilation or Concealment of Dead Bodies.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 47, amended. Section 47 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 47. Disinterment, concealment, exposure, or abandonment of dead bodies; penalty; exceptions for physicians, surgeons, and students of anatomy. Whoever, without permission of the clerk of a town, therein wilfully digs up or removes any human body or its remains from its place of burial, or aids in so doing; or knowingly receives, conceals, or disposes of the same; or whoever mutilates, conceals, or unlawfully disposes of any human body or its remains, or unnecessarily and indecently exposes, throws away, or abandons ~~a human body or its remains~~ the same in any public place, river, stream, or elsewhere, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$3,000, or by imprisonment for not less than 1 year, nor more than ~~five~~ 10 years; but any physician, surgeon, or medical student, may have in his possession or use human bodies or parts thereof lawfully obtained, for anatomical or physiological investigation and instruction.'

Approved March 8, 1941

Chapter 52

AN ACT Relative to Game Preserve in York County.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 90, amended. Section 90 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto, immediately preceding the paragraph entitled "Mapleton and Chapman", the following: