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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninety-first and Ninety-second
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

1945

Chapter 344

AN ACT Relating to the Prevention of Forest Fires.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, amended. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 83-A to 83-D, to read as follows:

'Sec. 83-A. Governor may take certain action to aid in prevention of forest fires. Whenever, during periods of drought, it shall appear to the governor that hunting or fishing is likely to be a menace to the forests of this state, he may by proclamation suspend the open season for hunting or fishing for such time and in such sections of the state as he may in such proclamation designate, or prohibit smoking or building fires out of doors in the woods for any such time and sections. The type and manner of fishing prohibited shall be designated in the proclamation and public camp sites maintained by the forestry department shall not be closed.'

'Sec. 83-B. Proclamation to be published and posted; copy to be filed with secretary of state. Such proclamation shall be published in such newspapers of the state and posted in such places as the governor deems necessary and a copy of such proclamation shall be filed with the secretary of state. A like attested copy shall be furnished to the forest commissioner, who shall attend to the posting and publication of the proclamation. All expense thereof and all the expense of enforcing the provisions of the proclamation shall be paid by said commissioner, after allowance by the state controller, from the appropriation for general forestry purposes.'

'Sec. 83-C. When proclamation may be annulled. If after issuing the proclamation provided for in section 83-A, by reason of rains or otherwise, the governor is satisfied that the occasion for the issuance of the proclamation has passed, he may annul it by another proclamation affecting the sections covered by the original proclamation, or any part thereof, which said proclamation shall be published and posted in the same manner as provided for the issuance of the original proclamation.'

'Sec. 83-D. Penalty for failure to observe proclamation. Whoever, while the proclamation provided for in section 83-A is in effect, violates any provision thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 and costs for each offense.'

Sec. 2. R. S., 1930, c. 11, certain exempted sections repealed. Sections 38, 39, 40, 41 and that part of section 60 which relates to copies of law of

PUBLIC, 1945

CHAP. 345

R. S. 1930, chapter 11, sections 38, 39, 40 and 41, of chapter 11 of the revised statutes of 1930 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. P. L., 1931, c. 180, repealed. Chapter 180 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. P. L., 1943, c. 35, repealed. Chapter 35 of the public laws of 1943 is hereby repealed.

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 345

AN ACT Relating to the Sanitary Water Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 72, § 1, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'It shall be the duty of the board to study, investigate, and from time to time recommend to the persons responsible for the conditions, ways and means of eliminating from the streams and waters of this state, so far as practicable, all substances and materials which pollute, or tend to pollute the same, and to endeavor to determine and to recommend methods, as far as practicable, of preventing pollution that is detrimental to the public health or to the health of animals, fish, or aquatic life, or detrimental to the practicable use of said rivers and waters for recreational purposes. ~~The chief sanitary engineer of the department of health and welfare shall serve as technical secretary of the board.~~ The board shall appoint a technical secretary who shall be a sanitary engineer employed by the bureau of health, department of health and welfare. He shall receive no additional compensation for such services and during the interim between meetings of the board he shall handle such correspondence, make or arrange for such inspections and investigations, and obtain, assemble, or prepare such reports and data as the board may direct and authorize.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 72, §§ 3-8, additional. Chapter 72 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections, to be numbered 3 to 8, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Pollution restricted. No person, firm or corporation shall hereafter discharge into any stream, river, pond, lake or other body of water, or water course, or any tidal waters any waste, refuse or effluent from any