

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 879

House of Representatives, February 2, 1961

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Sproul of Bristol.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Night Hunting of Wild Birds.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 77, amended. Section 77 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Night hunting. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild birds, **including migratory game birds**, in this State from sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise of the following morning.

It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset until $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise of the following morning, except skunks and raccoons, as provided in section 113. For the purpose of this section, the time shall be that which is recognized as legal in the State of Maine.

No person shall have in his possession at any time any wild **bird or wild animal**, or part thereof, taken in violation ~~of the provisions~~ of this section except as provided in section 113. Any person convicted of a violation under ~~the provisions of~~ this section shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than \$200 and costs nor more than \$400 and costs, which fine and costs shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 30 days in jail, at the discretion of the court; and for a 2nd or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than \$400 and costs nor more than \$800 and costs, and 30 days in jail, which fine, costs and jail sentence shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 60 days in jail, at the discretion of the court.