

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 213

House of Representatives, February 20, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Flint from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Metcalf of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-eight of Chapter Thirty-three of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Seventeen, Relating to the Protection of Deer.

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

Section 38 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 219 of the public laws of 1917, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘There shall be an annual closed season on deer in the counties of Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington from Decem-

4 ber first of each year to September thirtieth of the follow-
5 ing year, both days inclusive (except that on the island
6 of Mount Desert and in the town of Deer Isle and in the
7 town of Stonington, in the county of Hancock, and on
8 Cross island and on Scotch island, in the county of Wash-
9 ington, no deer shall be pursued or killed at any time), dur-
10 ing which said closed season, except as hereinafter provid-
11 ed, it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch or kill any
12 deer or have in possession any part or parts thereof when-
13 ever or wherever taken, caught or killed; and no person
14 shall between October first and November thirtieth next
15 following of each year, both days inclusive, except as here-
16 inafter provided, take, catch, kill or have in possession,
17 whenever or wherever taken, caught or killed, more than
18 two deer or part thereof.

There shall be an annual closed season on deer in the
2 counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox,
3 Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York from the first day
4 of December of each year to the thirty-first day of October
5 of the following year, both days inclusive (except that in
6 the town of Isle au Haut, in the county of Knox, and on
7 Swan Island, in the county of Sagadahoc, no deer shall be
8 pursued or killed at any time), during which closed sea-
9 son, except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to
10 hunt, chase, catch or kill any deer, or have in possession
11 any part or parts thereof, taken in the counties named in
12 this paragraph; and no person shall between the first day of

13 November and the thirtieth day of November, of each year,
14 both days inclusive, except as hereinafter provided, take,
15 catch or kill in the counties named in this paragraph more
16 than one deer; it shall also be unlawful for any person
17 to have in possession more than one deer, or part or parts
18 thereof, taken in the counties named in this paragraph in
19 one open season; a person lawfully killing a deer in open
20 season shall have a reasonable time in which to transport
21 the same to his home and may have the same in possession
22 at his home in closed season.

Provided, however, that if a deer is found doing actual,
2 substantial damage to any growing cultivated crops, the
3 cultivator of such crops may kill the deer, and may con-
4 sume said deer in his own family but not otherwise; but
5 he shall not pursue the deer beyond the limits of his culti-
6 vated land in which the damage is being done; provided,
7 further, that whoever kills a deer in accordance with the
8 provisions herein contained shall forthwith give notice in
9 writing to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game,
10 at Augusta, Maine, of the fact of such killing and the char-
11 acter and estimated amount of damage done; whoever fails
12 to give such notice shall in no wise be protected by the
13 provisions hereof. Whoever shall cultivate any crops for
14 the manifest purpose of killing deer under the provisions
15 of this paragraph shall in no wise be protected thereby;
16 and it shall be unlawful to place salt in any place for the
17 purpose of enticing deer thereto. Whoever violates any

18 provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than
19 fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and costs
20 for each offense.'