

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1228

H. D. No. 463

House of Representatives, March 25, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Stone of Bridgton from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Regulate Night Hunting and Fishing.

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

Section seventy-four of chapter two hundred and nineteen
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the pub-
4 lic laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chapter
5 eighty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
6 twenty-one, and by chapter two hundred and twenty-five
7 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three,
8 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and
9 by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 74. There shall be a closed season on wild birds in
2 this state from sunset to half an hour before sunrise of the
3 following morning, and on wild animals from one hour
4 after sunset until one hour before sunrise of the following
5 morning, during which closed season it shall be unlawful
6 to hunt, pursue, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal
7 of any kind. No person shall have in possession at any
8 time, any wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, taken
9 in violation of any provision of this section.

It shall also be unlawful for any person to fish for, take,
2 catch or kill any inland fish at any time, from one hour
3 after sunset until one hour before sunrise of the following
4 morning. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have
5 in possession, at any time, any inland fish taken in violation
6 of any provision of this section. Provided, however, that
7 the provisions of this section relating to night fishing shall
8 not apply to the taking of eels, suckers or hornpouts, in
9 waters open to fishing, or by persons specially licensed to
10 take such fish by the department of inland fisheries and
11 game, or to the taking of white perch at night in Lake
12 Cobbosseecontee in the county of Kennebec. Provided,
13 further, that this exception shall not apply to the Rangeley
14 chain of lakes, so-called, in Oxford and in Franklin coun-
15 ties, including Umbagog lake, so-called, or to any of the
16 tributaries to either of said lakes, in which waters it shall
17 be unlawful to take any kind of fish at any time from one
18 hour after sunset at night until one hour before sunrise the

19 following morning. Provided, further, that this act shall
20 not be construed as repealing in any way, the provisions
21 of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the public laws
22 of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chap-
23 ter seventy-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
24 twenty-three, regulating night fishing in Cobbosseecontee
25 stream and adjacent waters in the county of Kennebec.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay
2 a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dol-
3 lars and costs for each offense; provided, however, that if
4 any protected wild birds or wild animals are hunted, killed,
5 destroyed or had in possession in violation of this section,
6 the penalty shall be the same as is now imposed therefor
7 during other closed season.'