

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1292

H. D. No. 522

House of Representatives, April 7, 1925.

Reported by Majority 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 Relating to the Registration of Resident Hunters
and Fishermen.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-
4 one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section
6 and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 2. Any resident of this state may make written
2 application to the clerk of the city, town or plantation in
3 which such resident resides, and such city, town or planta-
4 tion clerk, after having satisfied himself that the applicant

5 is a bona fide resident of said city, town or plantation, and
6 upon the payment by such applicant of a fee of fifty cents,
7 ten cents of which shall be retained by said clerk as re-
8 cording fee, shall issue to such applicant a certificate in the
9 form prescribed and upon blanks furnished by the commis-
10 sioner of inland fisheries and game, which certificate shall
11 bear the name, age, occupation, place of residence, and an
12 identifying description of the holder of such certificate, and
13 shall authorize the person so registered to hunt and kill
14 such wild birds and wild animals as may be legally hunted,
15 and to fish for, take, catch or kill fish in the inland waters
16 of the state, in their respective open seasons and in the
17 manner provided by law, on any lands or waters on which
18 hunting or killing or fishing is not forbidden by law.

‘Such certificate shall authorize the hunting or killing of
2 game and game birds, and the taking, catching and killing
3 of fish in the inland waters of this state, only under such
4 restrictions and for such purposes as are imposed or au-
5 thorized by law.’

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-
4 one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section
6 and substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 3. Each certificate issued under the provisions of
2 this act shall be valid until January first, next following the

3 day of issue; such certificate shall not be transferable, and
4 shall not be valid unless the signature of the person to whom
5 it was issued is written thereon in ink.

‘Every person holding a certificate of registration by virtue
2 of this act shall, at all times, while hunting or fishing, have
3 such certificate on his person, and shall exhibit the same
4 for inspection to any person authorized to enforce the inland
5 fish and game laws, or any fire warden. Failure to produce
6 such certificate upon such request shall be prima facie evi-
7 dence of a violation of this act. No such certificate shall
8 be required of any person under sixteen years of age.’

Sect. 3. Section six of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
4 tion and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 6. Any resident of this state who is actually domi-
2 ciled in any unorganized place, may make written applica-
3 tion to the clerk of the nearest town or organized plantation,
4 and such town or plantation clerk, after having satisfied him-
5 self that such applicant is a bona fide resident of the un-
6 organized place set forth in said application and upon the
7 payment of a fee of fifty cents, shall issue to such applicant
8 a certificate of registration in the form prescribed in sec-
9 tion two of this act, which certificate shall be subject to the
10 same conditions and restrictions as certificates issued in ac-
11 cordance with section two of this act.’

Sect. 4. Section eight of said chapter one hundred and

2 seventy-three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
4 tion, and by substituting therefor the following section :

‘Sect. 8. All registration fees collected by virtue of this
2 act shall be paid by the commissioner of inland fisheries and
3 game to the state treasurer, the same to be credited to the
4 department of inland fisheries and game, and to be expended
5 by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game for the
6 propagation and protection of the inland fish in this state.

‘Provided, further, that if any such moneys are not ex-
2 pended during the year in which they are collected, the
3 unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall be available
4 for the purposes herein specified until expended.’

Sect. 5. Section nine of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-
4 one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section
6 and by substituting therefor the following section :

‘Sect. 9. The possession of any firearm or fishing tackle
2 in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice of the state
3 by a resident of this state, unless the person having such
4 firearm or fishing tackle in possession has in his possession
5 a certificate of registration as herein provided, duly issued
6 to him and covering the period such firearm or fishing tackle
7 is found in his possession, shall be prima facie evidence
8 of hunting or fishing in violation of this act.’

Sect. 6. Section thirteen of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, as amended by said chapter one hundred and
4 twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
5 twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said
6 section, and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 13. All such certificates issued after this act takes
2 effect shall be combination hunting and fishing certificates,
3 as provided herein, the same to be in the form prescribed
4 and upon blanks furnished the several town, city and plan-
5 tation clerks of the state by the commissioner of inland
6 fisheries and game, as provided in section two of said chap-
7 ter one hundred and seventy-three of the public laws of
8 nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by chapter one
9 hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen
10 hundred and twenty-three.’