

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Angell of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

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

Section 1. *Definitions.* a. Resident means any person  
2 who has been a bona fide resident of and actually domiciled  
3 in this state for three months prior to his application for a  
4 license.

b. Alien is an unnaturalized foreign born person who is  
2 not a tax payer upon real estate in Maine and has not re-  
3 sided here for the past two years continuously.

c. Hunting means to pursue, catch, take, kill, wound, or  
2 destroy wild birds and animals.

Sect. 2. *Fishing licenses.* No person over sixteen years

2 of age shall fish in any inland waters of the state except in  
3 accordance with the following provisions :

a. Any resident may without license fish in open waters  
2 in accordance with the law on land owned by him on which  
3 he is actually domiciled and which is used exclusively for  
4 agricultural purposes.

b. Each resident otherwise and each non-resident and  
2 alien shall purchase from the commissioner, or his author-  
3 ized agent, a written license which shall be kept upon the  
4 person while fishing or transporting fish and shall be ex-  
5 hibited to any warden, employee of this department or guide  
6 upon request. The clerks of all towns are such authorized  
7 agents and for the issuance of non-resident licenses the  
8 commissioner may, subject to recall at his pleasure, desig-  
9 nate additional agents.

A license shall be issued to a resident by the clerk of the  
2 town in which he resides or if he is domiciled in an unor-  
3 ganized place, then by the clerk of the nearest town, upon  
4 payment of a fee of sixty-five cents, of which fifteen cents  
5 shall be retained by the town clerk.

c. Non-resident and alien licenses shall be of two classes ;  
2 a month's license to cost three dollars and fifteen cents  
3 effective for thirty days from date of issue and a season's  
4 license effective for the entire season to cost five dollars and  
5 fifteen cents, of which fifteen cents shall be retained by the  
6 agent.

Sect. 3. *Hunting licenses.* No person shall hunt or have

2 in his possession any wild bird or animal except in accord-  
3 ance with the following provisions:

a. Any resident may without license hunt on land owned  
2 by him, or leased by him and on which he is actually domi-  
3 ciled and which is used exclusively for agricultural pur-  
4 poses.

b. No resident shall otherwise hunt or have in his pos-  
2 session any wild bird or wild animal without first having  
3 procured from the commissioner or his authorized agent a  
4 written license which shall be kept upon the person while  
5 hunting or transporting such birds and animals and ex-  
6 hibited to any warden, employee of this department or guide  
7 upon request. The clerks of all towns are such authorized  
8 agents. The license shall be issued to a resident by the  
9 clerk of the town in which the applicant resides, or if domi-  
10 ciled in an unorganized place, then by the clerk of the near-  
11 est town, upon payment of a fee of sixty-five cents, of  
12 which fifteen cents shall be retained by the town clerk.  
13 A combination hunting and fishing license may be issued  
14 on payment of one dollar and fifteen cents, fifteen cents to  
15 be retained by the town clerk.

c. No non-resident or alien shall hunt or have in his  
2 possession any wild bird or animal without first having  
3 procured from the commissioner or his authorized agent a  
4 written license which shall be kept upon the person while  
5 hunting or transporting such birds and animals and exhib-  
6 ited to any warden, employee of this department or guide

7 upon request. In addition to town clerks the commissioner  
8 may, subject to recall at his pleasure, designate additional  
9 agents to issue licenses.

The license to hunt wild birds, rabbits, racoons and foxes  
2 only shall be issued on payment of five dollars and fifteen  
3 cents and to hunt both wild birds and wild animals on pay-  
4 ment of fifteen dollars and fifteen cents, of which fifteen  
5 cents shall be retained by the agent issuing the license.

d. Hunting licenses shall not be issued to any person un-  
2 der sixteen years of age unless the written consent of the  
3 parent or guardian is attached to the application, but any  
4 resident under sixteen years of age may hunt without a  
5 license when under the care of his parent or guardian.

Sect. 4. All fishing and hunting licenses shall expire on  
2 December thirty-first for the calendar year for which it is  
3 issued. Licenses may be issued prior to the date upon  
4 which such license may be in force. Application blanks and  
5 licenses shall be furnished by the commissioner in such form  
6 as he shall designate. Each agent shall on the first day of  
7 each month forward to the commissioner a report contain-  
8 ing a list of the persons to whom he has issued licenses since  
9 his last report, the class of each license and the total amount  
10 of funds by him collected, which funds shall be deposited  
11 by the commissioner in the state treasury.

These license fees together with any other license fees  
2 collected by the commissioner shall constitute a separate  
3 fund to be expended under the direction of the commis-

4 sioner for the sole purposes of propagation, protection and  
5 distribution of fish, wild birds and animals.

Such fund shall not lapse from year to year but funds so  
2 collected in any one year may be used in that or any suc-  
3 ceeding year for said purposes.

Sect. 5. The following public laws are hereby repealed:  
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, chapter one  
3 hundred and ninety-six, section twenty-four; public laws of  
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one hundred  
5 and twenty-one, sections one, two, three, six and ten; public  
6 laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one  
7 hundred and ninety; public laws of nineteen hundred and  
8 twenty-seven, chapter two hundred and forty, section one;  
9 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, chapter  
10 one hundred and eighty.