

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Suspension by the Governor of Open  
Season for Fishing and Hunting.

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Whereas, the law authorizing the Governor to suspend the fishing and the hunting season during protracted drought or excessive dryness, does not accomplish the intent of its purpose and places a hardship on some localities and camp owners, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution, now therefore,

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

Section 1. Sections thirty-eight and thirty-nine of chapter eleven of the revised statutes are hereby amended by striking out all of said sections and inserting in place thereof the following sections :

‘Sect. 38. Whenever, during periods of protracted drought or excessive dryness, it shall appear to the Governor that smoking or building of any fire in the woods of the State is liable to be a menace to the forests, he may by proclamation forbid smoking and the building of any fire for such period and in such sections of the State as he may designate.’

‘Sect. 39. Whoever, while such proclamation is in force as

provided in the preceding section, smokes or builds any fire in the woods of the State, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offence.'

'Sect. 40. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'