

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1368

H. P. 981

House of Representatives, February 8, 1961

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chapman of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing Casualty Insurance for Hunters.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 147-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 147-A, to read as follows :

'Sec. 147-A. Casualty insurance for hunters. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game shall pay from funds received for that purpose as regards injuries received by persons while legally hunting during open season in the State, the sum of \$5,000 to the dependent heirs of those persons whose injuries result in death, and the sum of \$100 per month to those persons whose injuries result in permanent total incapacity.

No payment shall be made under this section except in cases where the victim was mistaken for game or was in the line of fire, which shall mean that the person who fired the shot could not have seen the victim or perceived his movements, and accidental discharge of a firearm while hunting by himself or another.

All payments under this section shall be made from the Insurance Fund of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, which fund shall be created and maintained by adding to the cost of each class of hunting license issued the sum of 50c.

No payments shall be made under this section unless the shooting shall have been investigated by a member of the warden service of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and certified to the commissioner by the investigating warden and the Chief Warden as having occurred either by being mistaken for

game, in line of fire or accidental discharge of a firearm by himself or another while hunting.

All costs of administering this section shall be charged to the Insurance Fund herein created.'