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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 587

House of Representatives, January 30, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Changing Name of Inland Fish and Game Wardens to Conservation Officers.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 24, amended.** Section 24 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 24. Conservation officers; appointment; powers and duties; tenure; service of processes.** The commissioner shall appoint persons as ~~fish and game wardens~~ **conservation officers** who shall have qualified under the written code prepared by the commissioner and approved by the State Personnel Board. The compensation of the ~~warden~~ **conservation officers** shall be determined under the Personnel Law.

It shall be the duty of the ~~inland fish and game wardens~~ **conservation officers** to enforce all laws relating to inland fisheries and game and all rules and regulations pertaining thereto, to arrest all violators thereof, and to prosecute all offenses against the same.

The ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall have the authority to serve criminal processes on offenders of the law, and to arrest and prosecute camp trespassers or persons committing larceny from any cottage, camp or other building, and except before trial justice or municipal courts, shall be allowed the same fees as sheriffs and their deputies for like services, all such fees to be paid to the commissioner. The ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall have the same rights as sheriffs to require aid in executing the duties of their office. They may serve all processes pertaining to the enforcement of any provision of this chapter.

The ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall have the authority to arrest any person who assaults or in any manner willfully obstructs any ~~inland fish and game warden~~ **conservation officer** while in the lawful discharge of his duties.'

**Sec. 2. Amendatory clause.** Whenever in the Revised Statutes the public laws or the private and special laws, the words "inland fish and game wardens" appear they shall mean "conservation officers".