

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1131

H. P. 777

House of Representatives, February 6, 1963

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Townsend of Baileyville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Carelessly Shooting a Human Being While Hunting.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 146, repealed and replaced. Section 146 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 146. Penalties for carelessly shooting human beings while engaged in hunting. Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly shoots and wounds, or kills any human being, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000, nor more than \$3,000, and, if gross negligence is established, by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. The hunting license of any person convicted under this section shall be revoked by the commissioner upon receipt of an attested copy of the court record and such person shall not thereafter be privileged to procure a hunting license for the remainder of his life; provided that such license shall not be revoked pending appeal.

Upon the final conviction of any person under this section, 50% of the fines collected by the State shall be paid to the persons injured by the negligent act of the convicted person or, in case such person dies as a result of his injuries, to his next of kin.

The penalties for violation of this section shall be printed on each hunting license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and upon all publications issued by the State which promote hunting as a recreational advantage of the State.'