

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 282

H. P. 214 House of Representatives, January 19, 1965
Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Beane of Moscow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Creating a Hunting Accident Reserve Fund.

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

R. S., T. 12, c. 331, sub-c. II, additional. Chapter 331 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter II, to read as follows:

'SUBCHAPTER II

HUNTING ACCIDENT RESERVE FUND

Sec. 2961. Policy. It is declared to be the policy of the State of Maine to establish a Hunting Accident Reserve Fund to indemnify persons under this subchapter, or their beneficiaries, accidentally shot while hunting in the State.

Sec. 2962. Fund. Every person applying for a resident or nonresident license to hunt for any license year, shall pay to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game a fee of \$1. The fees collected shall be deposited in the General Fund to the credit of a special Hunting Accident Reserve Fund, and shall be expended only as provided in this subchapter or as otherwise provided by law to carry out this subchapter. When the fund has reached \$250,000, the fees provided by this section shall be discontinued until the fund has been depleted to \$150,000, at which time the fees shall again be reinstated.

Sec. 2963. Payments. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game shall pay to the heirs in case of death the sum of \$5,000. In case of a nonfatal accident, a sum not to exceed \$10,000 or the actual hospital and medical expenses, whichever amount is the lesser, shall be paid to the person injured.

Sec. 2964. Investigation. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall investigate each accident to determine whether or not it was a hunting

accident and shall report to the commissioner in writing the results of the investigation.

Sec. 2965. Disbursements. All moneys deposited to the credit of the Hunting Accident Reserve Fund shall be held for the satisfaction of claims allowed under this subchapter, and shall be disbursed for the payment of expenses of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game incurred in administration of this subchapter and the payment of claims under this subchapter.

Sec. 2966. Other process not waived. Nothing in this subchapter shall prevent a claimant from proceeding upon any other remedy available at law or diminish the liability of the defendant, either criminally or civilly.'