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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Increasing Certain Fish and Game Fines.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2353, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2353 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$300 and costs, which fine and costs shall not be suspended, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2453, amended.** The last sentence of section 2453 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$10~~ \$50 nor more than ~~\$300~~ \$500, or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2455, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2455 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

No person shall have in his possession at any time any wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of this section, except as provided in section 2358. Any person convicted of a violation under this section shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~ \$300 and costs nor more than ~~\$400~~ \$500 and costs, ~~which fine and costs shall not be suspended,~~ and an additional penalty of not less than 5 days nor more than 30 days in jail, ~~at the discretion of the court~~ which fine and costs and jail sen-

**tence shall not be suspended**; and for a 2nd or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than ~~\$400~~ **\$500** and costs nor more than ~~\$800~~ **\$1,000** and costs, and 30 days in jail, which fine, costs and jail sentence shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 60 days in jail, at the discretion of the court.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 2460, amended.** The last sentence of section 2460 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than **\$50** nor more than \$300 and costs or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 12, § 2463, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2463 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$50~~ **\$75** nor more than \$300.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 12, § 2465, amended.** Section 2465 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 20 of chapter 448 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

**Anyone convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, which wine shall not be suspended.**

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 12, § 2560, amended.** Section 2560 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

#### **§ 2560. Penalties**

Whoever violates any provision of sections 2552 and 2553 shall pay a fine of not less than ~~\$20~~ **\$25** nor more than ~~\$30~~ **\$50**, and costs of prosecution, for each offense; and in addition thereto, \$5 for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in possession in violation of any provision of said sections.

**Sec. 8. R. S., T. 12, 2751, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2751 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ~~\$20~~ **\$25** or more than \$50, and costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto, ~~\$7~~ **\$5** for each fish sold or purchased.

**Sec. 9. R. S., T. 12, § 2953, amended.** The first sentence of section 2953 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

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 **\$200** nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

**Sec. 10. R. S., T. 12, § 3051, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 3051 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 431 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

**2. Penalty.** Any operator of a motor vehicle, boat, vessel, airplane or conveyance of any kind, who fails or refuses to stop such conveyance immediately upon request or signal of any officer, in uniform, whose duty it is to enforce the inland fish and game laws, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$400 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 11. R. S., T. 12, § 3060, amended.** The first paragraph of section 3060 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Whoever violates any of the provisions of chapters 301 to 335 and Title 7, chapter 707 and Title 7, sections 3601 and 3602 and Title 32, chapter 65, or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or rules and regulations heretofore promulgated and still in force and effect, excepting only those for the violation of which specific penalties have been provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$20~~ \$25 nor more than ~~\$300~~ \$400 and costs, or by ~~\$200~~ \$250 nor more than ~~\$300~~ \$400 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 12. R. S., T. 12, § 3060, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 3060 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**2. Violation of § 2451.** Whoever violates any of the provisions of the first 2 paragraphs of section 2451 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~ \$250 nor more than ~~\$300~~ \$400 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 13. R. S., T. 7, § 3601, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 3601 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The owner or keeper of said dog found roaming-at-large shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$20~~ \$50 nor more than ~~\$50~~ \$100.

**Sec. 14. R. S., T. 7, § 3602, amended.** The first paragraph of section 3602 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 404 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any dog to hunt, chase, kill, wound or pursue any moose, caribou or deer at any time or any other wild animal in closed season. The owner or keeper of any dog hunting, chasing, killing, wounding or pursuing any moose, caribou or deer at any time or any other wild animal in closed season shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$25 nor more than ~~\$100~~ \$200.