

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 539

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Conservation and Management of Migratory Birds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2352, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 2352 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2352, amended. The 6th paragraph of section 2352 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird except at the times, in the manner and numbers and by the means specifically permitted by this section or by regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The commissioner may annually or whenever necessary, after notice and public hearing, promulgate such hunting rules and regulations, including any Federal Migratory Bird Regulations adopted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as he considers to be in the best interest of conserving and managing the migratory bird population. Notice of the hearing to be held and the time and place thereof shall be by publication once a week for 2 successive weeks prior to the hearing in newspapers having a state-wide circulation. If, as a result of the hearing, the commissioner promulgates any regulations, they shall be reduced to writing and published for 2 successive days the following week in newspapers having state-wide circulation. The commissioner shall file a certified copy of the regulations with the clerks of the Superior and District Courts of the State and with the Secretary of State. Said regulations shall be effective upon publication and filing as provided herein.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game proper authority to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the Federal Migratory Game Act.