

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Field Trials for Dogs

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 3553, amended. Section 3553 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3553. Field trials for coon dogs

It shall be lawful to hold ~~bird dog or~~ coon dog field trials at any time. During the field trials permitted in this section, no person shall use any firearm other than a pistol loaded with blank ammunition.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 3554, amended. The first sentence of section 3554 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of \$10, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for ~~retrieving sporting~~ dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Sporting dogs as defined by the American Kennel Club are, Pointers, Retrievers, Setters, Spaniels, Vizslas, Weimaraners and Wirehaired Pointing

Griffons. All dogs in the sporting group have retrieving abilities. In sections 3553 and 3554, retrieving dogs have been defined as Chesapeake, Golden Retrievers, Labradors, etc. This change is needed in order to allow all sporting dogs with retrieving instinct the opportunity to test their abilities in retrieving dead or crippled game birds at field trials.