

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 385

In Senate, March 1, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Raptors for Use in Falconry.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 2466, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2466 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 76 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

No person shall hunt, kill or have in his possession, living or dead, any wild bird, including turkeys, except as provided in section 2352, and except that the commissioner may issue a permit at an annual fee of \$10 to any person to take, possess, breed and transport raptors for use in falconry in accordance with the aims and rules of the North American Falconer's Association.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There exists a group of citizens interested in preserving and conserving the raptorial bird life in this State. There is not now available the authority to do so. Raptorial birds are an important part in the ecological balance and their conservation should be encouraged.