

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Senator Anderson of Hancock from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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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-B, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2466-B, to read as follows:

§ 2466-B. Protection of raptors; falconry

The word "raptor" when used in this section shall mean all birds of the order Strigiformes and of the families Accipitridae and Falconidae commonly called Buteos, Accipiters, Falcons and Owls. Permittees may take, possess and use all raptors, except Golden Eagles, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Peregrine Falcons and Red-Shouldered Hawks and those classified as "endangered" by the United States Department of the Interior.

It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to possess, capture, transport, train or use for hunting more than 2 raptors except as herein provided for by rules and regulations.

The commissioner may promulgate specific regulations for the keeping of records, taking, possession or training of raptors used in the practice of falconry and may issue licenses to persons to engage in the practice of falconry.

The fee for a falconry license shall be \$10.

No falconry license shall be issued unless the person has complied with all the requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Properly licensed persons engaged in the practice of falconry shall be subject to all the rules and regulations pertaining to seasons and bag limits of upland game birds and fur-bearing animals and shall also be the holder of a valid hunting license.

The commissioner shall revoke the falconry license of any person who is convicted of violating any of the provisions of chapters 301 to 335.