

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 955

H. P. 750

House of Representatives, March 10, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for a Webless Migratory Bird Stamp.

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

12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. Webless migratory bird hunting stamp required. During the years 1977, 1978 and 1979, it shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt or have in possession any member of the family *Rallidae*, including American coot, gallinules and sora and other rails or *Scolopacidae* including woodcock and snipe unless at the time of such hunting or possession, he has on his person, in addition to a valid Maine hunting license, an unexpired Maine webless migratory bird hunting stamp, validated by his signature written thereon in ink. Such stamp shall be issued by the commissioner or his authorized agent for a fee of \$5.25, 25¢ of which shall be retained by the agent and shall be exhibited to any warden or employee of the department upon request.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow for an accurate determination of the number of woodcock and other webless migratory bird hunters in Maine and increased migratory bird management efforts.

The passage of this Act would bring an increased revenue to the State of \$33,000 annually for the fiscal years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80.