

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1834

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Create a Woodcock Hunting Stamp.**

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

12 MRSA § 7107 is enacted to read:

**§ 7107. Woodcock hunting permit**

**1. Issuance.** The commissioner or his authorized agent shall issue a woodcock hunting permit in the form of a stamp to applicants 16 years of age or older, permitting them to hunt or possess woodcock. Persons under 16 years of age may, without such a permit, hunt or possess woodcock in accordance with chapters 701 to 721.

**2. Fee.** The fee for a woodcock hunting permit shall be \$5.25, 25¢ of which shall be retained by the agent.

**3. Validation.** A woodcock hunting permit is valid by the permittee's writing his signature in ink across the face of the stamp.

**4. Restrictions.**

**A.** A woodcock hunting permit shall be exhibited to any warden or employee of the department upon request.

**B. Permittees shall keep an unexpired, validated woodcock hunting permit on their persons when hunting or possessing any woodcock.**

**5. Repealed. This section is repealed on January 1, 1984.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires a special stamp for hunting woodcock, similar to the existing pheasant stamp requirement. It is estimated that this bill will raise approximately \$45,000 each year. The requirement for the stamp will be terminated in 3 years.