

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 129.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY.

AN ACT for the preservation of certain birds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Whoever takes, kills, destroys or purchases with the intent of killing, destroying or taking with dogs, guns, traps, nets, snares, pitfalls, or any other device or contrivance whatsoever, any of the birds commonly known as larks, robins, partridges, grouse, woodpeckers, quail, woodcocks, sparrows or snipes, except between the first day of September and the first day of February, he shall forfeit for every such bird not less than five nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any municipal or police court or trial justice, one-half for the use of the

12 complainant and the other to the use of the town
13 where the offence is committed.

SECT. 2. Whoever shall have in his possession any
2 of the birds mentioned in the preceding section, except
3 between the first day of September and the first day
4 of February, such person shall be deemed to have
5 killed the same, and shall be liable to the same penal-
6 ties prescribed in the preceding section ; *provided*, that
7 this act shall not apply to any person who shall kill
8 or trap any such bird for the purpose of studying its
9 habits or history, or having the same stuffed and set
10 up as a specimen ; nor to any person who may have
11 in his possession any such bird, proving that the same
12 was killed outside the limits of this state.

SECT. 3. Chapter eleven of the public laws of eigh-
2 teen hundred and fifty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 9, 1870. }

Reported by Mr. HUMPHREY, from the Committee on Legal Reform, and printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*