

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 184.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT additional to Chapter 100 of the Public Laws of
1891, entitled "An Act to create a Forest Commission,
and for the Protection of Forests."

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

SECTION 19. No person shall, for hire or compensa-
2 tion, except as hereinafter provided, serve in the capacity
3 of forest guide at or near the places of resort for hunting
4 and fishing in this State without having been duly
5 licensed therefor for the year in which he so serves, by
6 the forest commissioner. *Provided, however,* that a
7 person so serving, in an emergency, on reporting that
8 fact, together with the facts hereinafter required from the
9 guides, may, in the discretion of the forest commissioner,

10 receive from him a license dated back to cover that time
11 of service.

SECT. 20. For the purpose of licensing guides, the for-
2 est commissioner shall, at the expense of the State, issue
3 suitable blanks, which blanks shall contain the provisions
4 of the law relating to sportsmen and the setting of fires.

SECT. 21. On application for a license as guide, the
2 forest commissioner, after satisfying himself that the ap-
3 plicant is a proper person, may issue to him one of the
4 aforesaid licenses, signed by himself as forest commis-
5 sioner, to continue in force for the term of one year, un-
6 less sooner revoked, for which license, the applicant shall
7 pay to the forest commissioner a fee of one dollar, which
8 fee is to be accepted by the said commissioner as payment
9 for his services in the matter.

SECT. 22. This license is subject to revocation at any
2 time by the said forest commissioner, on proof that the
3 holder was not properly performing his duties as guide,
4 particularly in the matter of the care and prevention of
5 fires, and in the making of returns as hereinafter provided.

SECT. 23. All persons going into the forest and
2 employing therefor the services of a guide, shall, on
3 blanks to be furnished the guide at the expense of the
4 State, leave a record of the name and home address of
5 each member of the party, the localities they propose to
6 visit and their proposed routes of travel and time of stay,
7 and it shall be the duty of the guide to see that this
8 record is duly and properly made and forwarded to the

9 forest commissioner before the party enters the woods,
10 and in case of any deviation from the route and time, as
11 above stated, on the guides return from the expedition,
12 he shall make the correction to correspond with the facts
13 and shall send the corrected report, with the date of the
14 said return to the forest commissioner who shall keep a
15 due record of the party, routes and time, in his office.

SECT. 24. It shall be the duty of the guide to call to
2 the attention of the members of his party the provisions
3 of the law relating to the setting of fires and to see that
4 all camp fires are properly extinguished before leaving
5 camp and that due precautions are exercised by the mem-
6 bers of parties under his charge in the use of fire arms
7 and as to the setting of fires by other means, and to
8 report to the forest commissioner any case of carelessness
9 or wantonness in this respect or in the matter of the
10 destruction of the forest growth, together with the name
11 of the offender, but the guides responsibility in this shall
12 in no wise relieve the other members of the party from
13 their responsibility or from claims for damages.

SECT. 25. The guides shall report to the fire wardens
2 and the forest commissioner the existence, cause and
3 extent of such other fires as may come to their knowledge
4 and shall take such steps as they can to extinguish them or
5 prevent their extension.

SECT. 26. Any violation by a guide, of the provisions
2 of this act, or of the act to which this is an addition, shall
3 subject him to the revocation of his license and a penalty

4 of twenty-five dollars for each offense, to be recovered
5 upon complaint, one-half to the complainant and one-half
6 to the county in which the offense occurs.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 20, 1893.

Presented by Mr. THATCHER of Penobscot, and on motion by same
Senator, laid on the table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.