

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 8.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of Inland Fish and Game killed and taken in the State, and for the further protection of Inland Fish and Game, and for the registration of guides.

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

Section 1. Every person who engages in the business of a
2 guide, (as the term is commonly understood,) shall, at once,
3 on the return from every hunting and fishing trip, on blanks
4 furnished by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
5 Game, fill out, sign and certify to a statement of the name or
6 names and residences of the person or persons for whom

7 they acted as guide, the place or places visited, and the
8 camping place or places where he stopped, a detailed state-
9 ment of all forest fires seen, and the names of persons, so
10 far as practicable, seen on the trip; also a complete list of all
11 game or fish taken or killed during the trip, and forward the
12 same by mail to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
13 Game, Augusta, Maine. Any guide failing to comply with
14 the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of
15 not less than twenty-five dollars for each offense.

Sect. 2. No person shall engage in the business of guid-
2 ing before he has caused his name, age and residence to be
3 registered, in a book kept for that purpose by the Commis-
4 sioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, and procured a license
5 from said commissioners, setting forth in substance that
6 after due examination and proof he is deemed qualified to
7 act as a guide, either for inland fishing or forest hunting,
8 or both, as the case may be. Whoever engages in the
9 business of guiding without having complied with the pro-
10 visions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less
11 than \$50 for each offense.

Sect. 3. Whenever any guide registered and licensed as
2 aforesaid is convicted of any violation of the inland fish and
3 game laws, he shall forfeit his license, and be debarred from
4 further engaging in the business of guiding for one year
5 thereafter.

Sect. 4. Such registration and licensing, as is herein re-
2 quired, shall occur annually on or before May fifteenth of
3 each year; but nothing herein shall be construed to debar

4 the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game of the
5 right, in their discretion, to register and license guides at
6 any time. A fee of three dollars shall be paid to the commis-
7 sioners for such registration, license, and blanks furnished;
8 said guides shall be furnished a badge which they shall be
9 required to wear when engaged in their business.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 21, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SEWALL of Bath, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed and recommitted.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*