

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 54.

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, in substance as
 12 follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

Registered Guides' Report.

Dated at.....1897.

I certify that on.....1897, I returned from
 17 a guiding trip, lasting.....days.

Person or Persons Guided.

- 19 NameResidence
- 20 NameResidence
- 21 NameResidence

My trip was over the following route.....
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Amount of Game Taken.

- 25 Moose
- 26 Deer
- 27 Caribou
- 28 Other game

Estimated Pounds of Fish Taken.

- 30 Trout
- 31 Land-locked salmon
- 32 White perch
- 33 Other fish

- 34 Did you put out all your camp fires?.....
- 35 Did you put out any fires set by other parties?.....
- 36 If so, in what section?
- 37 Forest fires seen were as follows:
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- 39 Do you know the origin of said fires?
- 40 How many camping or outing parties did you meet or see
- 41 on the trip?
- 42 Did you see or hear any dogs on the trip?
- 43 If so, do you know who was using them?

I certify that the above return is true and correct, so far as

45 I am able to state.

(Signature)

Registered Guide No.....

Remarks

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At the end of the year we shall ask the following questions:

- 53 Your opinion of the amount of fish and game as compared
- 54 with last season. Have you seen any wolves or indications
- 55 of wolves? Have the wardens in your vicinity been atten-
- 56 tive to duty? and forward the same by mail to the Com-
- 57 missioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, Augusta, Maine.
- 58 Any guide failing to comply with the provisions of this sec-
- 59 tion shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five
- 60 dollars for each offense.

Sect. 2. No. person shall engage in the business of guiding before he has caused his name, age and residence to be registered, in a book kept for that purpose by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, and procured a certificate from said commissioners, setting forth in substance that after due examination and proof he is deemed qualified to act as a guide, either for inland fishing or forest hunting, or both, as the case may be. Whoever engages in the business of guiding without having complied with the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 for each offense.

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

Sect. 4. Such registration and certificate, as is herein required, shall take place on or before May fifteenth, A. D. 1897; but nothing herein shall be construed to debar the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game of the right, in their discretion, to register and license guides at any time. A fee of one dollar shall be paid to the commissioners for such registration, certificate, and blanks furnished; and a badge.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 9, 1897.

Pending first reading, ordered printed on motion of Mr. WHELDEN
of Portland.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*