

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 197.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT providing for the Registration of Guides and to aid  
in the gathering of Statistics relative to Inland Fish and  
Game.

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

Section I. No person shall engage in the business of  
2 guiding, (as the term is commonly understood,) before he  
3 has caused his name, age and residence to be recorded, in  
4 a book kept for that purpose by the commissioners of  
5 inland fisheries and game, and procured a certificate from  
6 said commissioners, setting forth in substance that he is

7 deemed suitable to act as a guide, either for inland fishing  
8 or forest hunting, or both, as the case may be. Whoever  
9 engages in the business of guiding without having com-  
10 plied with the provisions of this section forfeits fifty dollars  
11 and costs of prosecution.

Sect. 2. Each registered guide shall from time to time,  
2 as often as requested by the commissioners, on blanks  
3 furnished him by the commissioners, forward a statement  
4 to them of the number of persons he has guided in inland  
5 fishing and forest hunting during the time called for in said  
6 statement, the number of days he has been employed as a  
7 guide, and such other useful information relative to the  
8 inland fish and game, forest fires and the preservation of  
9 the forests in the localities where he has guided, as the  
10 commissioners may deem of importance to the State.

Sect. 3. Such registration, as is herein required, shall  
2 take place annually on or before July first; but nothing  
3 herein shall be construed to debar the commissioners of  
4 inland fisheries and game of the right, in their discretion,  
5 to register guides at any time.

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

Sect. 5. This act shall not be construed to apply to any  
2 person, who does not directly or indirectly, hold himself

3 out to the public as a guide, or directly or indirectly solicit  
4 employment as such.

Sect. 6. A fee of one dollar shall be paid by each person  
2 registered in accordance with the provisions of this act, and  
3 all money thus received shall be and become a part of the  
4 fund for the protection of inland fish and game.

Sect. 7. Any person desiring to be registered as a guide  
2 in accordance with the provisions of this act may make  
3 application for such registration either in person or by  
4 written application to the commissioners.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 3, 1897.

Reported by Mr. DURGIN of Orono, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*