

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 60

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ONE.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, pertaining to Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

Section 1. Sections 23 and 24 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, are hereby amended as follows:

By striking out all of section 12 of said chapter 30 as amended aforesaid, and substituting the following in its place, so that said section shall read as follows:

‘Section 12. No person shall, within the State of Maine, kill or catch or have in his or her possession, living or dead,

9 any wild bird other than a game bird, nor shall purchase,  
10 offer or expose for sale, any such wild bird after it has been  
11 killed or caught. No part of the plumage, skin or body of  
12 any bird protected by this section shall be sold or had in  
13 possession for sale.

Nor shall any person within the state take or needlessly  
15 destroy the nest or the eggs of any wild bird, nor have such  
16 nest or eggs in his or her possession. The English, or Euro-  
17 pean house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), the common crow  
18 and the hawks and owls are not included among the birds here-  
19 in protected; and for the purposes of this act, the following  
20 only shall be considered game birds: The Anatidae, com-  
21 monly known as swans, geese, brant, and river and sea ducks;  
22 the Rallidae, commonly known as rails, coots, mud-hens,  
23 and gallinules; the Limicolae, commonly known as shore  
24 birds, plovers, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sandpipers,  
25 tattlers, and curlews; the Gallinae, commonly known as wild  
26 turkeys, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges and  
27 quails.

Nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to effect  
29 in any way the protection of game birds, as provided in  
30 sections 11 and 13 of the Act hereby amended. Any person  
31 who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be  
32 guilty of a misdemeanor, and when convicted therefor, shall  
33 be fined five dollars for each offense, and an additional five  
34 dollars for each bird, living or dead, or part of bird, or nest  
35 or eggs possessed in violation of this section, or to imprison-  
36 ment for ten days, or both, at the discretion of the court.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 1, 1901.

Reported by Mr. JONES of Springfield, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules. }

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*