

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 128

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT providing for the better protection of the big game
and forests of the State, by requiring non-residents to procure
a license to hunt.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not
2 a bona fide resident of the State of Maine, and actually
3 domiciled therein for six months then last past, to hunt,
4 pursue, take, catch or kill anywhere within the State of Maine
5 any of the wild animals or birds during any part of the year,
6 or have any firearms in his possession or under his control
7 in or upon any of the wild lands of the State while on a fish-
8 ing trip, without having first procured a license therefor as
9 hereinafter provided.

Any person desiring such license may procure the same by
11 filing with the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game
12 an application in writing stating his name, age, place of resi-
13 dence, business, post office address, color of his hair and eyes,
14 and the locality in which he proposes to hunt, camp, stay or
15 fish, and the fact of whether he can or cannot write his own
16 name, and paying to said commissioners the sum of twenty-
17 five dollars for a license to hunt, in conformity with the laws,
18 bull moose, deer, game birds and other wild animals, and
19 may procure a license to hunt deer, game birds or other wild
20 animals other than moose, or have in possession firearms in
21 close season in and upon the wild lands of the State when
22 on a fishing trip, by paying the sum of ten dollars, and may
23 procure a license to hunt the game birds of the State in all
24 incorporated towns by paying the sum of five dollars to the
25 commissioners as aforesaid.

Sect. 2. Such license shall be issued by the Commissioners
2 of Inland Fisheries and Game under such rules and regula-
3 tions, to be established by them, as may be required to carry
4 out the true intent of this act and not inconsistent herewith,
5 and all moneys received by them for such licenses shall be
6 expended by them in the proper protection of the moose, deer
7 and game birds of the State. Provided, however, that the
8 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game shall have
9 authority to adjust and pay, out of the funds received for
10 such licenses, for actual damage done growing crops by deer.

Provided, further, that the Governor and Council shall have
12 authority to allow the chairman of the Commissioners of
13 Inland Fisheries and Game, out of the funds received for
14 licenses and fines, such compensation as they may deem just
15 and fair for the additional work required of him in carrying
16 out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 3. No license shall be valid unless the signature of
2 the person to whom it is issued is written thereon, and every

3 such person shall at all times when hunting carry his license
4 on his person, and shall, at all reasonable times, and as often
5 as reasonably requested, produce and show such license to
6 any person requesting him so to do, and, if he fails or refuses
7 to do so, he shall forfeit any such license he may possess and
8 be deemed to be hunting in violation of the provisions of this
9 act.

Sect. 4. Any non-resident paying a license fee as herein
2 provided for the privilege of hunting the wild birds and game
3 of the State shall have the right to take to his home six ruffed
4 grouse, commonly called partridge, six woodcock, and six
5 ducks, that he himself has shot and killed in open season, by
6 having them tagged with the proper coupon detached from
7 his license open to view and accompanied by him.

Sect. 5. Any resident of this State may, but it shall not be
2 compulsory, upon the payment of one dollar, procure a license
3 to hunt the wild birds and wild game of the State, in accord-
4 ance with the laws of the State, in the open season for such
5 birds and game, and by virtue of such license shall have the
6 right to convey to any licensed provision dealer in this State,
7 and sell the same, or otherwise dispose of the same, for con-
8 sumption in this State only, ten ruffed grouse, commonly
9 called partridge, ten woodcock, and ten ducks in any one open
10 season by having them tagged by the proper coupons detached
11 from his license.

Sect. 6. The possession of any firearm or firearms on any
2 of the wild lands of this State by any non-resident who has
3 not obtained a license as provided in this chapter, shall be
4 deemed *prima facie* evidence that he is hunting in violation
5 of the provisions of this chapter.

Sect. 7. All licenses shall expire with the open season of
2 the calendar year in which they are issued; not more than
3 one license shall be issued to the same person in any one year,
4 and shall not be transferable. The commissioners may issue

5 duplicates for licenses lost or destroyed; the holder of a non-
6 resident hunting license shall be entitled to offer for trans-
7 portation, or have transported within the State, by common
8 carrier, two deer, one bull moose, or parts of the same, six
9 partridge, or ruffed grouse, six woodcock, and six ducks,
10 that he himself has personally killed, by having the same
11 properly tagged with the proper coupons therefor detached
12 from his license.

The agent receiving the carcasses and birds for transporta-
14 tion shall cancel said coupon with the date of its reception
15 for shipment and his initials written or stamped plainly
16 thereon. While in transit within the State said coupons must
17 be on the carcass of the moose or deer or part of the same,
18 and on the birds herein mentioned, or the same shall be sub-
19 ject to seizure and become contraband game.

If the place of delivery of said game or birds is within the
21 State of Maine, the delivering agent of the common carrier
22 or transportation company shall, before the delivery to the
23 consignee, detach said coupon and forward the same to the
24 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game at Augusta,
25 Maine, within two days of the date of delivery, and stamping
26 thereon the name of the station or place, and date of recep-
27 tion thereat of said coupon.

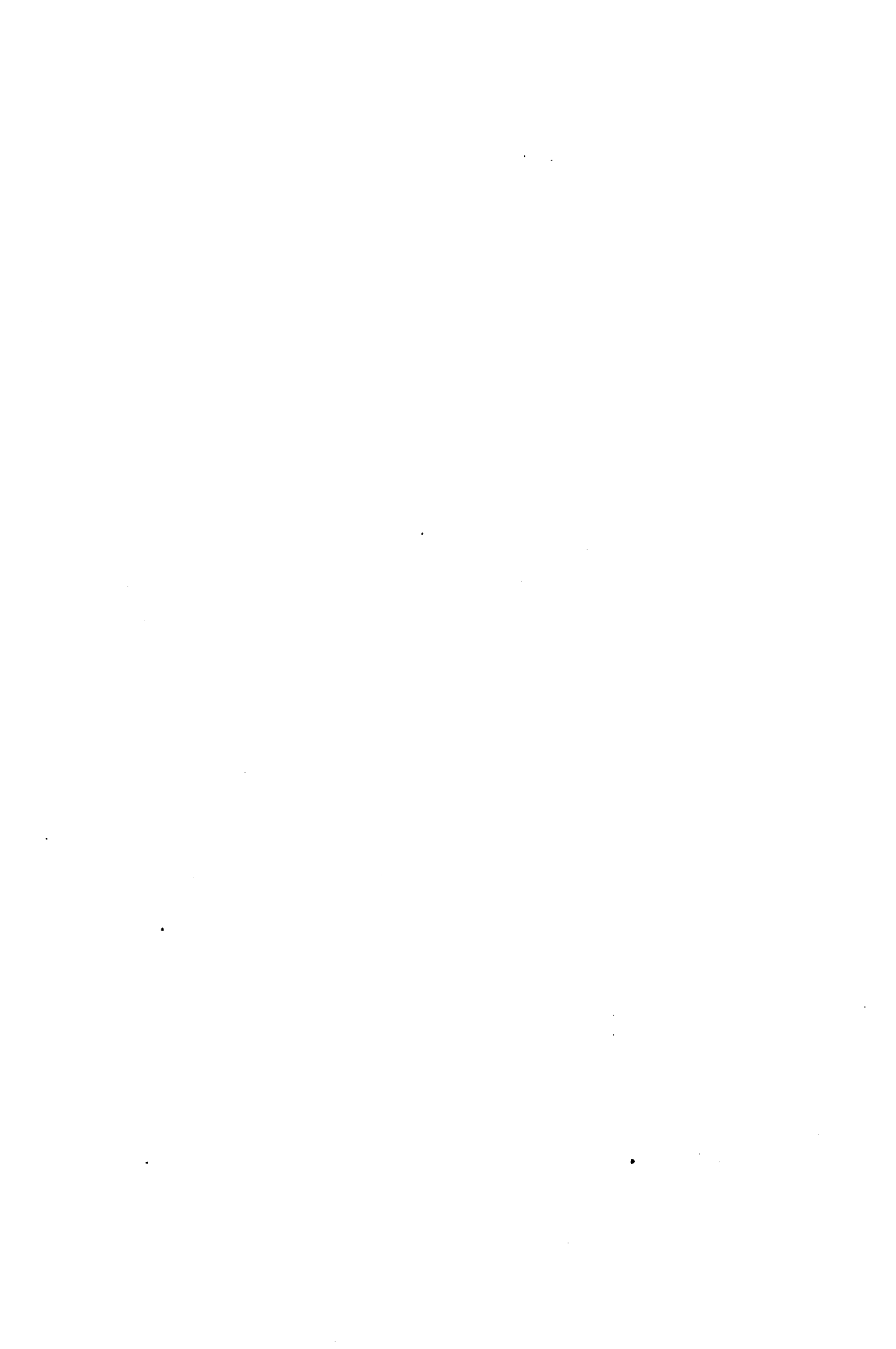
If said game or birds be consigned to a point without the
29 State of Maine, the agent, servant or employee of the trans-
30 portation company or common carrier who shall be in charge
31 of them while being so transported within the State, shall
32 detach said coupon, and deliver the same to the agent, servant
33 or employee of the transportation company or common car-
34 rier at the last station or place in the State where the train or
35 other conveyance of the said transportation company or com-
36 mon carrier shall stop, and it shall be the duty of said agent,
37 servant or employee of said transportation company or com-
38 mon carrier to whom said coupon is delivered to immediately

39 forward the same to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries
40 and Game at Augusta, Maine, after writing or stamping
41 thereon the name of the station or place, and date of reception
42 thereat of said coupon. Any agent, servant or employee of any
43 transportation company or common carrier who shall receive
44 for shipment or transport, or have in his possession with
45 intent to ship or transport, any of the game or birds afore-
46 said to any point outside the State of Maine without having
47 the coupons attached thereto as herein provided, or who shall
48 refuse or neglect to detach the coupons as herein provided,
49 or who shall fail to transmit or forward to the Commissioners
50 of Inland Fisheries and Game as herein provided the coupons
51 by him detached, shall be punished by a fine of not less than
52 \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 and costs for each offense.

Sect. 8. Whoever is found guilty of violating any of
2 the provisions of this chapter, or who shall furnish to another
3 person, or permit another person to have or use any license
4 issued to him, or shall change or alter the same in any man-
5 ner, or shall have or use any license issued to another person,
6 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more
7 than \$100.00 and costs for each offense.

Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this
2 act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect July 1st, 1903.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 13, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*