

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 402

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 11 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899 and as amended by chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to close time for game birds.

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

Section I. Section 11 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, 2 as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, and as 3 amended by chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1901, is hereby 4 amended so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 11. There shall be for game birds an annual close 6 time in which it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill 7 or have them in possession whenever or however killed, as

8 follows: For wood duck, dusky duck, commonly called black
9 duck, teal and gray duck the close time shall be from March
10 15th to September 15th of each year; for ruffed grouse, com-
11 monly called partridge and woodcock, from the first day of
12 December to September 15th next following of each year;
13 for plover, snipe and sandpipers, from the first day of May
14 to the first day of August of each year; and it shall be unlaw-
15 ful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession at any
16 time any quail. Whoever violates any of the above named
17 provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of not
18 less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars and costs for
19 each bird so killed, caught, chased or had in possession in
20 close time.

‘No person shall, in any one day, kill or have in possession
22 more than fifteen of each variety of the above named birds,
23 except sandpipers, the number of which shall not exceed
24 seventy in any one day, during the respective open season for
25 each; nor shall any person at any time kill or have in posses-
26 sion any ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, wood-
27 cock, wood duck, commonly called black duck, teal or gray
28 duck, except for his own consumption within this State,
29 except as hereinafter provided, under a penalty of five dollars
30 and costs for each bird so unlawfully killed or had in posses-
31 sion; nor shall any person at any time sell or offer for sale,
32 any ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, woodcock,
33 wood duck, commonly called black duck, teal or gray duck
34 within this State under the same penalty; nor shall any person
35 or corporation carry or transport from place to place any of
36 the birds mentioned in this section, in close time, nor in open
37 season unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled with
38 the owner’s name and residence and accompanied by him,
39 unless tagged in accordance with section twenty-six of this
40 chapter, under the same penalty.

‘Any person, not the actual owner of such bird or birds, who,
42 to aid another in transportation, falsely represents himself to
43 be the owner thereof, shall be liable to the same penalty; nor
44 shall any person or corporation carry or transport at any one
45 time more than fifteen of any one variety of the birds above
46 mentioned as the property of one person, under the same
47 penalty; and it shall be unlawful for a term of ten years, to
48 hunt for, take, catch, kill or destroy the capercailzie, or cock
49 of the woods, so called, black game, so called, or any species
50 of the pheasant, except ruffed grouse, or partridge, under a
51 penalty of fifty dollars for each offense.’

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 17, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*