

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 518

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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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.

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

Section 1. 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 Decem-  
10 ber 1st to the first day of the following September of each  
11 year; for ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge and  
12 woodcock, from the first day of December to September 15th  
13 next following of each year; for plover, snipe and sandpipers,  
14 from the first day of May to the first day of August of each  
15 year; and it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or  
16 have in possession at any time any quail. Whoever violates  
17 any of the above named provisions of this section shall be  
18 subject to a penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than  
19 ten dollars and costs for each bird so killed, caught, chased  
20 or had in possession in 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, dusky duck, commonly called black duck, teal or  
34 gray duck within this State under the same penalty; nor shall  
35 any person or corporation carry or transport from place to  
36 place any of the birds mentioned in this section, in close time,  
37 nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and plainly  
38 labeled with the owner’s name and residence and accompanied  
39 by him, unless tagged in accordance with section twenty-six  
40 of this 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.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 21, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*