

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 271

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to correct clerical errors and make plain the meaning of and amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, and as amended by chapters 222 and 278 of the Public Laws of 1901 and chapter 326 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, and acts reported from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, relating to inland fisheries and game.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, 2 as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, is 3 hereby amended in the first fourteen lines of the same as 4 follows: By inserting the word 'land' before the word

5 “locked” in the third line of said section, and by inserting
6 after the word “first” in the tenth line of said section the
7 words, ‘and except Sebago lake, in Cumberland county, on
8 which the close time shall be from October first to April
9 first, and except Wilson pond in Wilton, in Franklin county,
10 on which the close time shall be from October first until the
11 ice is out of said lake the following spring;’ and by inserting
12 the words ‘or have the same in possession’ after the word
13 “state” in the fourteenth line of said section, so that the first
14 fourteen lines of said section, as amended, shall read as fol-
15 lows:

‘Sect. 5. There shall be an annual close time for landlocked
17 salmon, trout, togue and white perch, as follows: for land-
18 locked salmon, trout and togue, from the first day of October
19 until the ice is out of the pond, lake or river fished in the
20 following spring of each year, except on the St. Croix river
21 and its tributaries, and on all the waters of Kennebec county,
22 in which the close time shall be from the fifteenth day of
23 September until the ice is out of the ponds and lakes the
24 following spring, and in Franklin county in which the close
25 time shall be from October first till May first, and except
26 Sebago lake, in Cumberland county, on which the close time
27 shall be from October first to April first, and except Wilson
28 pond in Wilton, in Franklin county, on which the close time
29 shall be from October first until the ice is out of said lake the
30 following spring; but for white perch, the close time shall be
31 from the first day of April to the first day of July; no person
32 shall take, catch, kill or fish for, in any manner, any land-
33 locked salmon, trout, togue, or white perch in any of the

34 waters of this State or have the same in possession, in close
35 time.'

Sect. 2. So much of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as
2 amended by chapter 42, section five, of the Public Laws of
3 1899, as closes Greely brook and tributaries, situated partly
4 in the towns of Oxford and Norway in the county of Oxford
5 and in the town of Otisfield in the county of Cumberland, is
6 hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. Section 22 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes,
2 as amended by chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, and
3 as amended by chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1901, is
4 hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 22. The words "close season" and "close time" where
6 used in this act, shall mean the time or period during which
7 by this act it is made unlawful to hunt, shoot, wound, trap,
8 or destroy any bird or animal, or fish for, or catch any fish
9 mentioned or referred to in this act, and the words "open
10 season" where used in this act, shall mean the time or period
11 during which it shall be lawful to take these animals, fish and
12 birds as specified and limited.

Any person may, at any time, lawfully kill any dog which
14 hunts or chases a moose, caribou or deer, or any dog kept or
15 used for that purpose. Any person owning or having in his
16 possession any dog for the purpose of hunting or chasing
17 moose, caribou or deer, or who permits any dog owned by him
18 or in his possession to hunt or chase moose, caribou or deer,
19 after notice that such dog has chased moose, caribou or deer,
20 shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars and costs
21 of prosecution for each offense.

Sunday is a close time, on which it is not lawful to hunt,
23 kill or destroy game or birds of any kind, under the penalties
24 imposed therefor during other close time; but the penalties
25 already imposed for the violation of the Sunday laws by the
26 statutes of this State are not hereby repealed or diminished.'

Sect. 4. Section 21 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 278 of the Public Laws of 1901, is hereby
4 amended as follows: by striking out all of said section between
5 the word "November" in the sixth line of said section and
6 the word "any" in the thirteenth line of said section, and
7 inserting instead thereof the words, 'and no registered guide
8 shall guide at the same time or be employed by, at the same
9 times, more than five non-residents in hunting,' and by insert-
10 ing after the word "deer" in the thirteenth line of said section
11 the words, 'or moose,' and by inserting after the word "con-
12 tained" in the eighteenth line of said section the words, 'or
13 any guide who shall guide at the same time, or be employed
14 by, at the same time, more than five non-residents in hunt-
15 ing,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 21. It shall be unlawful for non-residents of the
17 State to enter upon the wild lands of the State with intent to
18 camp and kindle fires thereon, while engaged in hunting or
19 fishing, without being in charge of a registered guide, during
20 the months of May, June, July, August, September, October,
21 and November, and no registered guide shall guide at the
22 same time, or be employed by, at the same time, more than
23 five non-residents in hunting. Any such non-resident who
24 shall take, catch, or kill any deer or moose, or enter upon the

25 wild lands in this State, with intent to camp and kindle fires
26 thereon, without being in charge of a registered guide, during
27 the months of May, June, July, August, September, October
28 and November, in violation of the provisions herein contained,
29 or any guide who shall guide at the same time, or be employed
30 by, at the same time, more than five non-residents in hunting,
31 shall be fined forty dollars and costs of prosecution for each
32 offense and be subject to imprisonment thirty days.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 23, 1903.

Reported by Mr. STAPLES of Cumberland, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.