

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 396

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the protection of ducks.

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

Section I. There shall be an annual close time in which no 2 person shall hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession, 3 whenever or however killed, as follows: for wood duck, 4 dusky duck, commonly called black duck, teal, and any and 5 all ducks known as gadwall or gray duck, mallard, widgeon 6 or baldpate, shoveler, pintail or sprigtail, redhead, scaup duck 7 or greater blue-bill, lesser scaup duck or lesser blue-bill, 8 golden eye or whistler, buffle head, ruddy duck or broad bill, 9 from the first day of December to the first day of the follow-10 ing September of each year.

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Sect. 2. All the provisions of section seven of chapter 2 thirty-two of the Revised Statutes relative to the killing, 3 possession, sale and transportation of wood duck and other 4 ducks therein mentioned are hereby made to apply to all the 5 ducks named in the first section of this act.

Sect. 3. No person shall kill, catch, hunt, destroy or have
2 in possession any kind of wild duck upon the shores, islands
3 or waters of Merrymeeting bay, Eastern river, or the Ken4 nebec river below the Gardiner and Randolph bridge between
5 the first day of December and the first day of the following
6 September.

Sect. 4. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this 2 act shall be fined five dollars and costs of prosecution for 3 each bird unlawfully hunted, killed, sold, offered for sale, 4 transported or had in possession.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, March 7, 1905.

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Reported by Mr. PRICE from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.