

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 557

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for a license for unnaturalized foreign-  
born residents to hunt game and birds.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any unnatruralized for-  
2 eign-born person who has not resided within the limits of  
3 this State for two years continuously prior to the passage of  
4 this act and who is not a taxpayer upon real or personal  
5 property within this State, to hunt in any manner, at any  
6 time, or pursue, catch, kill or have in possession any wild  
7 animals or birds within the limits of this State, unless he is  
8 licensed so to do as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game, upon the application of any unnaturalized foreign-born person who is a resident of any city, town or plantation within the State, and upon the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars, may issue such person a license upon a form to be supplied by them, bearing the name, age and place of residence of the licensee, with a description of him as near as may be, authorizing the said licensee to hunt and kill game birds, game or other wild animals on any lands on which said hunting or killing is not forbidden by law, or by written or printed notices posted thereon by the owner, lessee or occupant thereof. Such license shall be good only for that period of the year when game birds, game or other wild animals may be lawfully killed, and shall authorize the hunting or killing of game only under such restrictions and for such purposes as are imposed or authorized by law. Said licenses shall not be transferable and shall be exhibited upon demand to any of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and to any game warden or deputy game warden, and to any sheriff, constable, police officer or other officer qualified to serve process. The fees received from said licenses shall annually be paid into the State treasury and expended by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game for the protection of game and birds.

Sect. 3. If any firearm or firearms are found in the possession of any foreign-born unnaturalized person required to be licensed under the provisions of this act, when he is

4 upon the wild lands or woods of the State, not having a  
5 license as herein provided, it shall be prima facie evidence  
6 that such person is hunting in violation of the provisions of  
7 this act and he shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five  
8 dollars and costs for each offense, and a further penalty of  
9 forfeiture to the State of all firearms found in his possession  
10 in violation of this section, and any person authorized to  
11 enforce the inland fish and game laws is authorized to seize  
12 all firearms found in possession in violation of the provisions  
13 of this section, and shall forthwith forward them to the  
14 commissioners at Augusta, and upon conviction of the per-  
15 son or persons from whom they were seized shall sell them,  
16 the proceeds from such sale to be paid to the treasurer of  
17 state and expended by the commissioners of inland fisheries  
18 and game for the protection of fish and game.

Sect. 4. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this  
2 act shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars and  
3 costs for each offense.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 14, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*