

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 142

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT authorizing the Governor to issue his proclamation to prevent the use of fire-arms in the forests during a dangerously dry time.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Whenever, during an open season for the hunting of any kind of game or game birds in this State, it shall appear to the Governor that by reason of drought having in possession fire-arms in the forests is liable to cause forest fires, he may, by proclamation suspend the open season and make it a close season for such time as he may designate.

Sect. 2. During the time which shall by such proclamation be made a close season, all provisions of law covering and

3 relating to the close season shall be in force, and a person  
4 violating a provision of the same shall be subject to the  
5 penalty therein prescribed. In case any person shall enter  
6 upon the wild lands of the State carrying or having in their  
7 possession any firearms, or any person shall shoot during the  
8 close season fixed by proclamation of the Governor, as pro-  
9 vided in the preceding section, any wild animal or bird for  
10 the hunting of which there is no close season otherwise pro-  
11 vided by law, he shall be punished by a fine of one hundred  
12 dollars and costs.

Sect. 3. Such proclamation shall be published in such  
2 newspapers of the State and posted in such places and in  
3 such manner as the Governor may order in writing. A  
4 copy of such proclamation and order, shall be filed with the  
5 Secretary of State. A like attested copy shall be furnished  
6 to the Forest Commissioner, who shall attend to the posting  
7 and publication of the proclamation. All expense thereof  
8 and all the expense of enforcing the provisions of the  
9 proclamation shall be paid by said Commissioner, after al-  
10 lowance by the State Auditor, from any funds in the State  
11 Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sect. 4. If after the issuing of the proclamation as pro-  
2 vided in section 1, by reason of rains or otherwise, the Gov-  
3 ernor is satisfied that the occasion has passed for the issu-  
4 ance of the proclamation, he may annul it by another  
5 proclamation issued as provided in this act for the issuance  
6 of the first proclamation.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

Reported by Mr. COLBY from Committee on Forest Preservation and Water Supply and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*