

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 43

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

IN SENATE,

January 20, 1909.

Came from the House, referred to Committee on Forest Preservation and Water Supply and on motion by Mr. MILLIKEN of Aroostook laid on table for printing, pending reference in concurrence.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.