

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 355

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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 to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes relating to inland fisheries and game, and to correct certain clerical errors therein.

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

Section 1. The last three lines of section one of chapter 2 158 of the public laws of 1907, which relates solely to the 3 bedding or feeding of wild ducks, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. The provisions of section 28 of chapter 32 of the 2 revised statutes, as amended, relative to the shipment of fish 3 without accompanying the same, shall apply to black bass.

Sect. 3. There shall be a close season on muskrat, in which 2 it shall be unlawful to hunt, kill or destroy them or have

3 them in possession, or any part thereof, from May first to  
4 October fifteenth of each year, under a penalty of ten dol-  
5 lars for each muskrat unlawfully caught, killed, destroyed  
6 or had in possession. Provided, however, that on that part  
7 of Judkins' meadow, so-called, in the town of Prentiss, that  
8 overflows with water, from the mouth of Spruce brook on  
9 the Madagoodas stream to the Springfield road leading from  
10 Springfield to Wytopitlock, by the way of Prentiss, the close  
11 time shall be for muskrat from June first to October first  
12 following of each year.

Sect. 4. Whoever at any time kills, hunts, destroys or has  
2 in possession any beaver, or part thereof, except as pro-  
3 vided by law, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred  
4 dollars, and in addition thereto twenty-five dollars for each  
5 beaver, or part thereof, caught, killed, destroyed or had in  
6 possession in violation of the provisions of this act.

Sect. 5. So much of section 8 of chapter 32 of the revised  
2 statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 132 of the pub-  
3 lic laws of 1905, as relates to a close time on loons is hereby  
4 repealed.

Sect. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to set any  
2 trap or traps of any kind for any wild animal without hav-  
3 ing the trap or traps plainly labelled with his name and ad-  
4 dress, either by having the same stamped on the trap or on  
5 a metal tag firmly attached to the trap. Whoever violates  
6 any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a

7 penalty of one dollar for each trap set and not marked as  
8 provided in this section, and the forfeiture of the trap or  
9 traps to any person finding the same not marked in accord-  
10 ance with the provisions of this section.

Sect. 7. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and  
2 Game shall have authority to grant permits to transport live  
3 fish taken in the waters of the State beyond the limits of the  
4 State for scientific and advertising purposes. They may  
5 have at least two daily newspapers published in this State,  
6 such as they may select, for use in their office, to be paid  
7 for out of the appropriation for fish hatcheries and feeding  
8 stations and from funds received from licenses and fines.  
9 They are also authorized to procure the services of attorneys  
10 at law to prosecute violations of the fish and game laws, and  
11 to pay them a reasonable compensation therefor out of such  
12 funds. The annual report of the Commissioners of Inland  
13 Fisheries and Game shall be printed once in two years.

Sect. 8. The close time for fishing in all streams in Frank-  
2 lin county shall be from October first of each year until the  
3 ice is out of the stream fished in the following spring, dur-  
4 ing which close time it shall be unlawful to fish for, take,  
5 catch or kill any kind of fish.

Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 10. Trial justices, police and municipal courts with-  
2 in their counties shall have, upon complaint, original and  
3 concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme and superior courts  
4 in all prosecutions under any inland fish and game law.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

March 5, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WYMAN from Committee on Inland Fish-  
eries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.