

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 405

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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 prohibit the use of firearms fitted with any device  
to deaden the sound of explosion.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer  
2 for sale, use or have in his possession, any gun, pistol or  
3 other firearm, fitted or contrived with any device for dead-  
4 ening the sound of explosion. Whoever violates any of the  
5 provisions of this act shall forfeit such firearm or firearms  
6 and the device or silencer, and shall further be subject to a  
7 fine not exceeding \$100 or to imprisonment not exceeding 60  
8 days, or to both fine and imprisonment. Any sheriff, dep-  
9 uty sheriff, constable, inland fish and game warden or deputy

10 inland fish and game warden shall have authority to seize  
11 any firearm or firearms and any device or silencer found in  
12 possession of any person in violation of this act, and on con-  
13 viction of the party from whom such firearm or firearms are  
14 seized, such firearm or firearms shall be sold, the proceeds  
15 to be paid to the State treasurer, and the device or silencer  
16 shall be destroyed.

Sect. 2. This act does not apply to military organizations  
2 authorized by law to bear arms, or to the national guard in  
3 the performance of its duty.

Sect. 3. In all prosecutions arising under this act, municipi-  
2 pal and police courts and trial justices in their respective  
3 counties shall have upon complaint original and concurrent  
4 jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts,  
5 and all fines, penalties and forfeitures recovered by any per-  
6 son for any violation of this act shall be paid forthwith by  
7 the person receiving the same to the State treasurer, to be  
8 credited to fines and license fees for the protection of birds  
9 and game.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

March 12, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.