

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 552

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*In Senate, March 19, 1913.*

*Reported by Senator Wing from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT providing for a license for residents of the State to  
hunt on the wild lands of the State.

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

Section 1. No resident of the state, except as otherwise  
2 provided in this act, shall hunt, kill or pursue any wild ani-  
3 mal or bird on or within the limits of the wild lands of the  
4 state, (and the term "wild lands" wherever used in this act  
5 shall be construed to mean all lands not within the limit of  
6 any city or town) without first procuring a license therefor  
7 from the commissioners of inland fisheries and game as here-  
8 in provided, paying for said license the sum of one dollar  
9 and ten cents.

The words "resident of the state" whenever used in this  
11 act shall be construed to mean any one who has been a bona  
12 fide resident of the state for a period of three months next  
13 prior to his application for a license as provided for in this  
14 act.

Sect. 2. Said commissioners shall prepare such licenses  
2 in such form as may be necessary to carry out the provisions  
3 of this act, and may appoint agents in convenient localities  
4 to sell the same. Such agents, other than inland fish and  
5 game wardens, may retain ten cents for each license sold.

Sect. 3. Such license shall terminate with the calendar year  
2 in which issued, and shall only authorize the hunting of birds  
3 and wild animals in accordance with the laws of the state,  
4 and shall not be transferable, and shall be shown by the  
5 holder thereof when upon the wild lands aforesaid, upon  
6 request, to any person authorized to enforce the inland fish  
7 and game laws, and refusal to so show the same shall be  
8 deemed sufficient evidence that the person so found on said  
9 wild lands is hunting thereon in violation of law and shall  
10 pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Sect. 4. Whoever hunts on wild lands as aforesaid with-  
2 out first procuring a license as herein provided, shall pay a  
3 fine of \$25 and costs for each offense, and the having in  
4 possession of any firearms on said wild lands shall be deemed  
5 sufficient evidence that such person is hunting thereon in  
6 violation of the provisions of this section, and every person  
7 licensed as herein provided shall, on a blank furnished him

8 by said commissioners, make a return, as called for on said  
9 blank, of the kind and number of birds and wild animals  
10 killed by him by virtue of such license, and where killed as  
11 near as he can, and forward the same to said commissioners  
12 on or before the twentieth day of December of each year in  
13 which said license is issued.

Provided, however, that an actual bona fide resident of any  
15 organized plantation may hunt therein in accordance with  
16 the general law of the state without procuring a license.

Provided, further, that nothing herein shall be construed as  
18 repealing section     of this act relating to the procuring of  
19 a license to hunt by unnaturalized foreign born persons.