

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 816

House of Representatives, March 17, 1915.

Reported by Mr. Gerrish from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section forty-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to the protection of game birds.

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

Section forty-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised
2 Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of
3 the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating
4 to the protection of game birds, is hereby amended by strik-
5 ing out all of said section and by substituting therefor the
6 following section:

Sect. 43. There shall be an annual closed season for
8 ruffed grouse, (commonly called partridge), spruce part-
9 ridge, woodcock, all varieties of wild ducks, brant, geese,
10 plover, snipe, sora and other rails, coots and gallinules, as
11 follows:

On partridge, above-named, in the counties of Oxford,
13 Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook,
14 Washington and Hancock, from the fifteenth day of No-
15 vember of each year until the fourteenth day of September
16 of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the coun-
17 ties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Knox, Waldo,
18 Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Kennebec, from the first day of
19 December of each year until the thirtieth day of September
20 of the following year, both days inclusive; and on wood-
21 cock, from the first day of December of each year to the
22 thirtieth day of September of the following year, both days
23 inclusive; on all varieties of ducks, brant and geese, from
24 the sixteenth day of December of each year to the thirty-
25 first day of August of the following year, both days in-
26 clusive; on black-breasted and golden plover, jacksnipe, or
27 Wilson snipe, and greater and lesser yellowlegs, from the
28 first day of December of each year to the fourteenth day
29 of August of the following year, both days inclusive; on
30 rails (including sora) coots and gallinules, from the first
31 day of December of each year to the thirty-first day of
32 August of the year following, both days inclusive, during
33 which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase,

34 catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-named birds
35 except as hereinafter provided; provided, further, that it
36 shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy or
37 have in possession at any time, any curlew, woodduck, or
38 any shore birds except black-breasted and golden plover,
39 Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater and lesser yel-
40 lowlegs; and no person shall, during the respective open
41 seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch, kill, destroy
42 or have in possession in any one day more than five part-
43 ridge or ruffed grouse, ten woodcock, ten ducks, five plover
44 and ten snipe; nor shall any person at any time buy or sell
45 any of the above-named birds; nor shall any person or cor-
46 poration carry or transport from place to place any of the
47 birds mentioned in this section in closed season (except that
48 a person shall have a reasonable time after the beginning
49 of closed season to transport, as hereinafter provided, to
50 his home game birds legally killed by him in open season)
51 nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and plainly
52 labeled with the owner's name and residence, and accom-
53 panied by him, unless tagged with a transportation tag as
54 hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or corporation
55 carry or transport in any one day more than ten ducks, five
56 plover, ten snipe, five partridges and ten woodcock, as the
57 property of one person. Whoever violates any of the pro-
58 visions of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and
59 costs for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for

60 each bird of the above-named varieties taken, caught, killed,
61 had in possession or transported in violation hereof.

Provided, however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this
63 State who has purchased a transportation tag therefor of
64 the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, and paid
65 five dollars for the same, to take with him out of the State
66 five partridges or ten ducks or ten woodcock which he him-
67 self has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds
68 being transported by virtue of this paragraph.

Provided, further, that any citizen of this State who has
70 lawfully in his possession one pair of either of the birds
71 named in this section, may send the same anywhere in this
72 State without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the
73 duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag, paying
74 therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said tag to the
75 pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall un-
76 der any of the provisions of this paragraph send as afore-
77 said more than one pair of game birds once in seven days.