

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 818

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*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.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend section fifty-six 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 registration of guides.

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

Section fifty-six 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, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 56. No person shall engage in the business of guiding, either for inland fishing or forest hunting until he

8 shall have filed with the Commissioners of Inland Fisher-  
9 ies and Game a certificate and affidavit signed by the Mu-  
10 nicipal Officers (or a majority thereof) of the town or  
11 plantation within which the applicant resides, or if the ap-  
12 plicant is a resident of an unorganized place, a certificate  
13 and affidavit signed by the Municipal officers (or a major-  
14 ity thereof) of the nearest town or plantation, setting forth  
15 in substance that the applicant is a person of good moral  
16 character and sobriety, and is deemed by them to be a suit-  
17 able person to receive a certificate as a guide and until he  
18 has caused his name, age and residence to be recorded in  
19 a book kept for that purpose by said Commissioners and  
20 has procured a certificate from said Commissioners, setting  
21 forth in substance that he is deemed suitable to act as a  
22 guide, either for inland fishing or forest hunting or both,  
23 as the case may be, under a penalty of fifty dollars and  
24 costs for each offense. Each registered guide shall, from  
25 time to time, as often as requested by the Commissioners,  
26 forward, on blanks furnished him by the Commissioners, a  
27 statement of the number of persons he has guided in inland  
28 fishing and forest hunting during the time called for in said  
29 statement, the number of days he has been employed as a  
30 guide, and such other useful information relative to inland  
31 fish and game, forest fires, and the preservation of the for-  
32 ests in the localities where he has guided, as the Commis-  
33 sioners may deem of importance to the State, under a pen-

34 alty of fifty dollars for unreasonably or wilfully refusing to  
35 comply with these requirements.

Such registration shall be as follows: The applicant shall  
37 apply in writing or personally to the Commissioners for  
38 registration, or to some person designated by the Commis-  
39 sioners, setting forth in his application whether he desires  
40 to be registered as a general or local guide; and the Com-  
41 missioners shall, as soon thereafter as may be, register such  
42 person as a guide in such class as they shall deem proper,  
43 after such investigation as they shall deem proper; but said  
44 Commissioners may refuse to register any applicant whom  
45 they may deem unfit to be a guide, and may, for cause  
46 shown, after due notice and hearing, cancel any registra-  
47 tion by them made, and may advance anyone from the local  
48 class to the general class, whenever they shall deem such  
49 person qualified to be a general guide. A fee of one dollar  
50 shall be paid annually for the registration as herein pro-  
51 vided.

No person shall receive a certificate as a general guide un-  
53 less he be at least twenty years of age, of good repute, and  
54 friendly to the inland fish and game laws, and will discoun-  
55 tenance in all proper ways all violations thereof. He shall  
56 be thoroughly competent to traverse the hunting grounds  
57 in which he is licensed to guide and shall be skilled in the  
58 use, management, and handling of such boats or canoes, on  
59 lake, pond, or river, as are used in the territory in which  
60 he is authorized to guide, and shall be a safe person under

61 all circumstances to be a guide for inland fishing and for-  
62 est hunting parties. A person may receive a certificate as a  
63 local guide who does not, in the judgment of the Commis-  
64 sioners, possess all the necessary qualifications of a general  
65 guide, yet is deemed suitable to act as such under certain  
66 conditions; and guides may be restricted in the territory in  
67 which they are permitted to guide. The Commissioners of  
68 Inland Fisheries and Game, may, in their discretion, license  
69 as guides such non-residents as reside in territory contigu-  
70 ous to the State under such conditions as are herein pro-  
71 vided for the registration of resident guides; the fee for  
72 such non-resident guide license shall be twenty dollars.

Whenever a guide registered, as provided in this section,  
74 violates any of the inland fish and game laws, the Commis-  
75 sioners may, at their discretion, cancel his certificate of reg-  
76 istration and strike his name from the list of registered  
77 guides; but such person may thereafter be registered again  
78 at the discretion of the Commissioners. Any certificate  
79 cancelled by virtue of this section shall be immediately re-  
80 turned to the Commissioners, under a penalty of fifty dol-  
81 lars for refusal or neglect to comply with this require-  
82 ment.'