

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 82

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Dixfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-five of chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes (1916) relating to the protection of game birds.

Section fifty-five, of chapter thirty-three, of the Revised Statutes (1916) is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following:

Sect. 55. There shall be an annual closed season for ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, spruce partridge, woodcock, all varieties of wild ducks, brant, geese, plover, snipe, sora and other rails, coots and gallinules, as follows:

5 On partridge, above-named, in the counties of Oxford,
6 Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook,
7 Washington and Hancock, from the fifteenth day of No-
8 vember of each year to the fourteenth day of September
9 of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the coun-
10 ties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Knox, Waldo,
11 Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Kennebec, from the first day of
12 December of each year to the thirtieth day of September
13 of the following year, both days inclusive; on woodcock,
14 from the first day of December of each year to the thirtieth
15 day of September of the following year, both days inclu-
16 sive; on all varieties of ducks, brant and geese, from the
17 sixteenth day of December of each year to the fifteenth day
18 of September of the following year, both days inclusive;
19 on black-breasted and golden plover, and greater and lesser
20 yellowlegs, from the first day of December of each year to
21 the fifteenth day of August of the following year, both days
22 inclusive; on jacksnipe or Wilson snipe, coots and galli-
23 nules, from the first day of December of each year to the
24 fifteenth day of September of the following year, both days
25 inclusive; on rails except coots and gallinules, from the first
26 day of December of each year to the thirty-first day of
27 August of the following year, both days inclusive, during
28 which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase,
29 catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-named
30 birds except as hereinafter provided; provided, further, that
31 it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy

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

Provided, however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this
2 state who has purchased a transportation tag therefor of

3 the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and paid
4 five dollars for the same, to take with him out of the state
5 five partridges or ten ducks or ten woodcock which he him-
6 self has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds
7 being transported by virtue of this paragraph.

Provided, further, that any citizen of this state who has
2 lawfully in his possession one pair of either of the birds
3 named in this section, may send the same anywhere in this
4 state without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the
5 duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag, paying
6 therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said tag to the
7 pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall under
8 any of the provisions of this paragraph send as aforesaid
9 more than one pair of game birds once in seven days.'