

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 121

House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1917.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McNally of Ashland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Sections thirteen and fourteen of Chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes (1916) relating to the registration of guides.

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

Section 1. Section thirteen of Chapter thirty-three of the
2 Revised Statutes (1916) is hereby amended by striking out
3 all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

'Sect. 13. No person shall engage in the business of
2 guiding, either for inland fishing or forest or shore hunting,
3 until he has caused his name, age and residence to be re-

4 corded in a book kept for that purpose by the Commissioners
5 of Inland Fisheries and Game and has procured a certificate
6 from said commissioner, setting forth in substance that he is
7 deemed suitable to act as such guide, under a penalty of fifty
8 dollars and costs for each offense. Each registered guide
9 shall, from time to time, as often as requested by the com-
10 missioners, forward, on blanks furnished him by the com-
11 missioners, a statement of the number of persons he has
12 guided in inland fishing and forest and shore hunting during
13 the time called for in said statement, the number of days he
14 has been employed as a guide, and such other useful infor-
15 mation relative to inland fish and game, forest fires, and the
16 preservation of the forests in the localities where he has
17 guided, as the commissioners may deem of importance to the
18 state, under a penalty of fifty dollars for unreasonably or
19 wilfully refusing to comply with these requirements.'

Sect. 2. Section fourteen of Chapter thirty-three of the
2 Revised Statutes (1916) is hereby amended by striking out
3 all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

'Sect. 14. Such registration shall be as follows: The
2 applicant shall apply in writing or personally to the com-
3 missioners for registration, or to some person designated by
4 the commissioners, setting forth in his application whether he
5 desires to be registered as a general or local guide; and the
6 commissioners shall, as soon thereafter as may be, after such
7 investigation as they deem advisable, register such person as
8 a guide in such class as they shall deem proper; but said

9 commissioners may refuse to register any applicant whom
10 they deem unfit to be a guide, and may, for cause shown,
11 after due notice and hearing, cancel any registration by them
12 made, and may advance anyone from the local class to the
13 general class, whenever they shall deem such person qualified
14 to be a general guide. A fee of one dollar shall be paid an-
15 nually for the registration as herein provided.

‘No person shall receive a certificate as a general guide
2 unless he be at least twenty years of age, of good repute,
3 and friendly to the inland fish and game laws, and will dis-
4 countenance in all proper ways all violations thereof. He
5 shall be thoroughly competent to traverse the hunting
6 grounds in which he is licensed to guide and shall be skilled
7 in the use, management and handling of such boats or
8 canoes, on lake, pond or river or other waters, as are used
9 in the territory in which he is authorized to guide, and shall
10 be a safe person under all circumstances to be a guide for
11 inland fishing and forest and shore hunting parties. A per-
12 son may receive a certificate as a local guide who does not,
13 in the judgment of the commissioners, possess all the neces-
14 sary qualifications of a general guide, yet is deemed suitable
15 to act as such under certain conditions; and guides may be
16 restricted in the territory in which they are permitted to
17 guide. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game
18 may, in their discretion, license as guides such non-residents
19 as reside in territory contiguous to the state under such con-
20 ditions as are herein provided for the registration of resident

21 guides; the annual fee for such non-resident guide license
22 shall be twenty dollars.

Whenever a guide registered, as provided in this section, is
2 suspected of having violated or countenanced the violation of
3 any of the inland fish and game laws, the commissioners may,
4 at their discretion, temporarily suspend his certificate of
5 registration; and whenever a guide registered, as provided in
6 this section, is convicted of a violation of the inland fish and
7 game laws, said commissioners may, at their discretion,
8 cancel his certificate of registration and strike his name from
9 the list of registered guides; but such person may thereafter
10 be registered again at the discretion of the commissioners.
11 Any certificate canceled or suspended by virtue of this sec-
12 tion shall be immediately returned to the commissioners,
13 under a penalty of fifty dollars for refusal or neglect to
14 comply with this requirement.'