

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 160

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1917.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Conary of Bucksport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT amending Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, relating to closed time on partridge and woodcock.

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

Section fifty-five of Chapter thirty-three of the Revised
2 Statutes of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen is hereby amended by
3 striking out the words "in the counties of Oxford, Franklin,
4 Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook, Washington
5 and Hancock, from the fifteenth day of November of each
6 year until the fourteenth day of September of the following

7 year, both days inclusive, and in the counties of Andros-
8 coggin, Cumberland, York, Knox, Waldo, Lincoln, Sagada-
9 hoc and Kennebec," in the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth,
10 eleventh and twelfth lines, so that said section as amended
11 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 55. Closed season for partridge, woodcock and
2 ducks: number of birds to be taken regulated: transporta-
3 tion regulated. 1913, c. 206, Sec. 43, 1915 c. 258. There
4 shall be an annual closed season for ruffed grouse, com-
5 monly called partridge, spruce partridge, woodcock, all
6 varieties of wild duck, brant, geese, plover, snipe, sora and
7 other rails, coots and gallinules, as follows:

'On partridge and woodcock, above named, from the first
2 day of December of each year until the thirtieth day of Sep-
3 tember of the following year, both days inclusive; on all
4 varieties of ducks, brant and geese, from the sixteenth day
5 of December of each year to the thirty-first day of August
6 of the following year, both days inclusive; on black-breasted
7 and golden plover, jacksnipe or Wilson snipe, and greater
8 and lesser yellow legs from the first day of December of
9 each year to the fourteenth day of August of the following
10 year, both days inclusive; on rails, including sora, coots and
11 gallinules, from the first day of December of each year to
12 the thirty-first day of August of the year following, both
13 days inclusive, during which closed seasons it shall be un-
14 lawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of
15 the above named birds except as hereinafter provided; pro-

16 vided, further, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch,
17 kill or destroy, or have in possession at any time, any cur-
18 lew, wood duck, or any shore birds except black-breasted
19 and golden plover, Wilson or Jacksnipe, woodcock and
20 greater and lesser yellow legs; and no person shall, during
21 the respective open season for the above named birds, take,
22 catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one day more
23 than five partridge or ruffed grouse, ten woodcock, ten
24 ducks, five plover and ten snipe; nor shall any person at any
25 time buy or sell any of the above named birds; nor shall any
26 person or corporation carry or transport from place to place
27 any of the birds mentioned in this section in closed season
28 (except that a person shall have a reasonable time after the
29 beginning or closed season to transport, as hereinafter pro-
30 vided, to his home, game birds legally killed by him in open
31 season), nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and
32 plainly labelled with the owner's name and residence, and
33 accompanied by him, unless tagged with a transportation tag,
34 as hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or corporation
35 carry or transport in any one day more than ten ducks, five
36 plover, ten snipe, five partridges and ten woodcock, as the
37 property of one person. Whoever violates any of these pro-
38 visions of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and
39 costs for each offence, and in addition thereto one dollar for
40 each bird of the above named varieties taken, caught, killed,
41 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 the
3 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, and paid five
4 dollars for the same, to take with him out of the state, five
5 partridges or ten ducks or ten woodcock which he himself
6 has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds being
7 transported by virtue of this paragraph.

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

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