

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 502

House of Representatives, March 7, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the registration of resident hunters.

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

Section 1. No resident of this State shall hunt in any
2 manner, at any time, or pursue, take, catch, kill, destroy or
3 have in possession, within the limits of this State, any wild
4 animals or wild birds without having first procured a certifi-
5 cate of registration therefor as hereinafter provided, and
6 then only during the respective seasons when it shall be law-
7 ful, and subject to all other provisions of Chapter 33 of the
8 Revised Statutes; provided, that nothing in this act shall be
9 construed as affecting the right of a bona fide resident of this

10 State, or his immediate family, to hunt without such license
11 on land owned by him or on land leased by him and on which
12 he is actually domiciled, and which land is used exclusively
13 for agricultural purposes, nor as affecting in any way the
14 provisions of the statutes relating to trespass, nor shall the
15 possession of such license grant or confer any privilege not
16 enjoyed prior to the passage of this act.

The words "resident of this State" wherever used in this
2 act shall be construed to mean any person not subject to the
3 provisions of section 65 of chapter 33 of the Revised Stat-
4 utes, who has been a bona fide resident of this State for a
5 period of six months next prior to his application for regis-
6 tration as provided for in this act.

Sect. 2. Any resident of this State may make written
2 application to the clerk of the city, town or plantation in
3 which such resident resides, and such city, town or planta-
4 tion clerk, after having satisfied himself that the applicant is
5 a bona fide resident of said city, town or plantation, and
6 upon the payment by such applicant of recording fee of
7 fifteen cents to be retained by said clerk, shall issue to such
8 applicant a certificate in the form prescribed and upon blanks
9 furnished by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
10 Game, which certificate shall bear the name, age, occupation,
11 place of residence, and an identifying description of the
12 holder of such certificate, and shall authorize the person so
13 registered to hunt and kill such wild birds and wild animals
14 as may be legally hunted in their respective open seasons and

15 in the manner provided by law on any lands on which hunt-
16 or killing is not forbidden by law.

Such certificate shall authorize the hunting or killing of
2 game and game birds only under such restrictions and for
3 such purposes as are imposed or authorized by law.

Sect. 3. Each certificate issued under the provisions of
2 this act shall be valid until January first next following the
3 date of issue; such certificate shall not be transferable, and
4 shall not be valid unless the signature of the person to whom
5 it was issued is written thereon in ink.

Every person holding a certificate of registration by virtue
2 of this act shall, at all times, while hunting, have such certifi-
3 cate on his person, and shall exhibit the same for inspection
4 to any person authorized to enforce the Inland Fish and
5 Game laws. Failure to produce such certificate upon such
6 request shall constitute a violation of this act.

No such certificate shall be granted to any person under six-
2 teen years of age unless the written consent of parents or
3 guardian is attached to the application for such certificate.

Any person losing his certificate of registration may, upon
2 written request to the Commissioners of Inland Fish and
3 Game, receive a duplicate at no expense to the applicant.

Sect. 4. It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state
2 to offer for transportation, in accordance with the provisions
3 of sections 41, 42, 44 and 55, of chapter 33 of the Revised
4 Statutes, to any person, company or corporation or to any
5 agent, servant or employee thereof, or to transport any game

6 or game birds or any other wild animals or wild birds, un-
7 less he shall have in his possession at the time a certificate of
8 registration, as herein provided, duly issued to him under the
9 provisions of this act.

Sect. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, company or
2 corporation or for any agent, servant or employee thereof
3 to accept for transportation from a resident of this state, any
4 game or game birds or any other wild animals or wild birds,
5 without first ascertaining the fact that the person offering
6 such game, game birds or other wild animals or birds is in
7 possession of a certificate duly issued to him covering the
8 period when such shipment is offered for transportation.

Sect. 6. Any resident of this state who is actually domi-
2 ciled in any unorganized place, may make written applica-
3 tion to the clerk of the nearest town or organized planta-
4 tion, and such town or plantation clerk, after having satisfied
5 himself that such applicant is a bona fide resident of the
6 unorganized place set forth in said application and upon the
7 payment of a recording fee of fifteen cents, shall issue to
8 such applicant a certificate of registration in the form pre-
9 scribed in Section 2 of this act, which certificate shall be
10 subject to the same conditions and restrictions as certificates
11 issued in accordance with Section 2 of this act.

Sect. 7. Every city, town and plantation clerk shall keep
2 a record of all such certificates issued by him, which record
3 shall be open to inspection by any person authorized to en-
4 force the Inland Fish and Game laws, and such clerk shall,

5 on the first Monday in every month, forward to the Commis-
6 sioners of Inland Fisheries and Game the application and
7 stub of each certificate issued during the preceding month.

Any city, town or plantation clerk who shall neglect or re-
2 fuse to carry out the provisions of this section or to forward
3 applications and stubs of certificates issued by virtue of this
4 act within a period of thirty days from the first Monday of
5 each month shall be punished by a fine of not less than twen-
6 ty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each
7 offense.

Sect. 8. The possession of any firearm in the fields or for-
2 ests or on the waters or ice of the state by a resident of this
3 state, except on land owned or leased by him on which he is
4 actually domiciled, unless the person having such firearm in
5 possession has in his possession a certificate of registration,
6 as herein provided, duly issued to him and covering the per-
7 iod such firearm is found in his possession shall be prima
8 facie evidence of hunting in violation of this act.

Sect. 9. Any person who violates any of the provisions of
2 section one, two, three, four, five or six of this act, or who
3 permits another person to have or use a certificate issued to
4 him, or who shall change or alter the same in any manner, or
5 who has or uses any certificate issued to another person, or
6 who shall guide a resident of this state while hunting, who
7 has not a certificate as provided herein, shall be punished by
8 a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five
9 dollars and costs of prosecution for each offense.

Sect. 10. If the holder of a certificate issued by virtue of
2 this act violates any of the inland fish and game laws said
3 certificate shall be revoked by the Commissioners of Inland
4 Fisheries and Game, at their discretion, and no new certifi-
5 cate shall be issued for a period of one year thereafter to
6 such person.

Sect. 11. Nothing contained in this act shall authorize the
2 hunting, pursuing, taking, catching, killing, destroying, hav-
3 ing in possession or transporting any wild animals or wild
4 birds, or parts thereof, contrary to the laws now in force or
5 hereafter enacted.