

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 54

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*In Senate, Jan. 30, 1917.*

*Came from the House referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and on motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Clason of Androscoggin.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to provide for the Registration of resident Hunters  
and Fishermen.

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

Section 1. No resident of this state shall hunt, pursue,  
2 take or kill any wild animals, ducks, partridges, woodcock  
3 or other game birds, or catch or take any fish from any lake,  
4 pond, river, stream or other inland waters, without first  
5 being registered as hereinafter provided, and then only  
6 during the respective seasons when it shall be lawful and

7 subject to all other provisions of Chapter 33 of the Revised  
8 Statutes; provided that nothing in this act shall be con-  
9 structed 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  
12 which he is actually domiciled and which land is used ex-  
13 clusively for agricultural purposes or to fish in the waters  
14 flowing through, lying in or bordering upon such land as  
15 stated above during the open seasons, so called, except such  
16 waters as may be closed by special laws.

Sect. 2. Any bona fide resident of this state, who has  
2 lived in this state six months next prior to the date of his  
3 application may make written application to the clerk of  
4 the plantation, town or city in which the applicant resides  
5 and such clerk shall thereupon issue a registration card or  
6 certificate, which shall contain a sufficient description of  
7 the person so registered as to make his identification reason-  
8 ably certain and plain. A fee of one dollar shall be paid  
9 to such clerk before any such certificate of registration is  
10 issued. The Commissioners of Inland Fish and Game shall  
11 furnish to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plan-  
12 tations the application blanks and registration cards or cer-  
13 tificates required by this act and such applications and cer-  
14 tificates shall be in such form as the commissioners may  
15 prescribe. A suitable record shall be kept in each city, town  
16 or plantation of all registrations made in accordance with  
17 this act and must be open to inspection to any person author-  
18 ized to enforce the inland fish and game laws.

Any resident of an unorganized place who conforms to the  
2 above portion of this section may procure his license or cer-  
3 tificate from the clerk of the nearest town or plantation.

Sect. 3. All sums received for registrations under the  
2 preceding section shall be paid by such clerks to the treas-  
3 urer of the state on the first Monday of every month and  
4 a record of the sums so received and the names of the cities,  
5 towns and plantation in which the same were collected shall  
6 be furnished by the treasurer to the Commissioners of In-  
7 land Fish and Game. Seventy-five per cent of the money  
8 collected under the preceding section shall be expended by  
9 the Commissioners of Inland Fish and Game in the pro-  
10 tection and propagation of fish, game and game birds within  
11 which such money was collected and the balance may be  
12 expended by the commissioners for any of the general pur-  
13 poses of their department for which appropriations are made  
14 by law.

Sect. 4. Every certificate issued under the provisions of  
2 this act shall be valid until January first following the date  
3 of issue and such certificate shall not be valid unless the  
4 signature of the person to whom it is issued is written  
5 thereon in ink. Any person losing his certificate of regis-  
6 tration may, upon written request to the Commissioners of  
7 Inland Fish and Game, receive a duplicate at no expense  
8 to the applicant.

Sect. 5. No person under sixteen years of age shall be  
2 allowed a certificate to hunt unless a written guarantee from

3 the parents or guardian is attached to the application for  
4 such certificate, stating that such applicant will always be  
5 accompanied by a responsible person while hunting. Any  
6 person violating this section will be deprived of the right  
7 of registration until they have passed their sixteenth birth-  
8 day.

Sect. 6. Every female resident and every person under  
2 the age of sixteen whose parents are residents of this state  
3 may fish in conformity to the fish laws governing the inland  
4 waters of this state without a resident license or certificate.

Sect. 7. Any resident whoever hunts, pursues or kills any  
2 wild animals or birds or catches or takes any fish from  
3 inland waters without being registered as aforesaid shall  
4 be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or  
5 imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.