

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 66

In Senate, Feb. 1, 1917.

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

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Chick of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 5 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916) relating to the taking of fish, game and birds for scientific and park purposes, and to provide for game and fur farming.

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

Section 5 of chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916)
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

'They may issue permits to any person, firm or corpora-
2 tion to engage in the business of propagating game birds,
3 game or fur-bearing animals, under such regulations as they

4 shall establish. They may issue to any person, firm or cor-
5 poration permit to fence in or enclose land not exceeding
6 twenty-five acres in area for the above-named purpose.
7 When it appears that such application is made in good faith,
8 and upon the payment of an annual fee of ten dollars, said
9 commissioners may issue to the applicant a breeder's license,
10 permitting the breeding and rearing of any species of game
11 birds, game or fur-bearing animals within such enclosure.
12 Such licensed breeders may at any time sell, transport or
13 kill and sell any game birds, game or fur-bearing animals
14 raised by virtue of the provisions of this section under such
15 regulations as said commissioners may establish,' so that
16 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game
2 may take fish and game of any kind when, where, and in
3 such manner as they choose, for the purposes of science
4 and of cultivation and dissemination, and they may grant
5 written permits to other persons to take fish and game for
6 the same purposes, and may introduce or permit to be in-
7 troduced, any kind of fish into any waters. They may,
8 after a hearing, set apart, for a term not exceeding ten
9 years, any waters for the use of the state or of the United
10 States commissioner of fish and fisheries, in the prosecution
11 of the work of fish culture and of scientific research rela-
12 tive to fishes. The order setting apart such waters shall
13 be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county or reg-
14 istry district, in which they are situated. In the waters so

15 set apart, they and the United States commissioner of fish
16 and fisheries, and persons acting under their authority may,
17 in their respective fish culture and scientific work, take fish
18 at any time or in any manner, and erect and maintain any
19 fixtures necessary for such purposes. No other person shall
20 take or kill any fish, or use any implement for fishing there-
21 in, under a penalty of not less than ten nor more than one
22 hundred dollars, and a further penalty of one dollar for
23 each fish so taken or killed; provided, however, that before
24 such hearing the commissioners shall give notice thereof,
25 by publication for two successive weeks in at least one news-
26 paper printed in the county where such waters lie. They
27 may grant permission to take moose, caribou, deer, and
28 birds for park purposes in this state, under such rules, reg-
29 ulations, and conditions as they shall establish. They may
30 cause the destruction of any mink or other destructive ani-
31 mal or bird found in or around any fish hatchery or feeding
32 station in this state. They may grant permits to transport
33 beyond the limits of the state, live fish or game taken in
34 the state, for breeding, scientific and advertising purposes.

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4 establish. They may issue to any person, firm or corpo-
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6 twenty-five acres in area for the above-named purpose.
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14 raised by virtue of the provisions of this section, under such
15 regulations as said commissioners may establish.'