

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 86

House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1919.

Introduced by Mr. Clason of Lisbon. By Mr. Clason of Lisbon tabled for printing pending reference to a committee and 1500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clason of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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 certi-
5 ficate of registration therefor as hereinafter provided, and
6 then only during the respective seasons when it shall be
7 lawful, and subject to all other provisions of chapter 33 of
8 the revised statutes; provided, that nothing in this act shall
9 be construed as affecting in any way the provisions of the
10 statutes relating to trespass, nor shall the possession of such

11 license grant or confer any privilege not enjoyed prior to the
12 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 sections 65 and 66 of chapter 33 of the revised
4 statutes, as amended by chapter 219 of the public laws of
5 1917, who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a
6 period of six months next prior to his application for regis-
7 tration as provided for in this act.

Sect. 2. Any resident of this state may make written appli-
2 cation to the clerk of the city, town or plantation in which
3 such resident resides, and such city, town or plantation
4 clerk, after having satisfied himself that the applicant is a
5 bona fide resident of said city, town or plantation, and upon
6 the payment by such applicant of a fee of twenty-five cents,
7 fifteen cents of which shall be retained by said clerk as re-
8 cording fee, shall issue to such applicant a certificate in the
9 form prescribed and upon blanks furnished by the com-
10 missioner of inland fisheries and game, which certificate shall
11 bear the name, age, occupation, place of residence, and an
12 identifying description of the holder of such certificate,
13 and shall authorize the person so registered to hunt and kill
14 such wild birds and wild animals as may be legally hunted in
15 their respective open seasons and in the manner provided
16 by law on any lands on which hunting or killing is not for-
17 bidden 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
5 whom 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 certi-
3 ficate 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
2 sixteen years of age unless the written consent of parents or
3 guardian is attached to the application for such certificate.

Every person holding a certificate by virtue of this act
2 shall, on or before December thirty-first of each year, on
3 blanks to be furnished by the commissioner of inland fish
4 and game, report to said commissioner the number of each
5 variety of protected wild birds and wild animals killed by
6 him during the year.

Sect. 4. It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state
2 to offer for transportation, in accordance with the provis-
3 ions of sections 41, 42, 44 and 55, of chapter 33 of the re-
4 vised statutes, as amended, to any person, company or cor-
5 poration or to any agent, servant or employee thereof, or

6 to transport any game or game birds or any other wild ani-
7 mals or wild birds, unless he shall have in his possession at
8 the time a certificate of registration, as herein provided, duly
9 issued to him under the 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,
4 any game or game birds or any other wild animals or wild
5 birds, without first ascertaining the fact that the person
6 offering such game, game birds or other wild animals or
7 birds is in possession of a certificate duly issued to him
8 covering the period when such shipment is offered for trans-
9 portation.

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 satis-
5 fied himself that such applicant is a bona fide resident of
6 the unorganized place set forth in said application and upon
7 the payment of a fee of twenty-five cents, shall issue to
8 such applicant a certificate of registration in the form pre-
9 scribed in section two of this act, which certificate shall be
10 subject to the same conditions and restrictions as certifi-
11 cates issued in accordance with section two 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

4 enforce the inland fish and game laws, and such clerk shall,
5 on the first Monday in every month, forward to the com-
6 missioner of inland fisheries and game the amount received,
7 if any, for such certificates issued during the preceding
8 month, less the recording fee of fifteen cents, together with
9 the application and stub of each certificate issued.

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

Sect. 8. All registration fees collected by virtue of this
2 act shall be paid by the commissioner of inland fisheries
3 and game to the state treasurer and credited to the appro-
4 priation for the operation of fish hatcheries and feeding sta-
5 tions for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds,
6 for printing the report of the commissioner of inland fish-
7 eries and game and other expenses incident to the adminis-
8 tration of the department of inland fisheries and game.

Sect. 9. The possession of any firearm in the fields or
2 forests or on the waters or ice of the state by a resident of
3 this state, unless the person having such firearm in pos-
4 session has in his possession a certificate of registration, as
5 herein provided, duly issued to him and covering the period
6 such firearm is found in his possession, shall be prima facie
7 evidence of hunting in violation of this act.

Sect. 10. Any person who violates any of the provisions
2 of section one, two, three, four, five or six of this act, or
3 who permits another person to have or use a certificate
4 issued to him, or who shall change or alter the same in
5 any manner, or who has or uses any certificate issued to
6 another person, or who shall guide a resident of this state
7 while hunting, who has not a certificate as provided herein,
8 shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor
9 more than twenty-five dollars and costs of prosecution for
10 each offense.

Sect. 11. 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 commissioner of inland
4 fisheries and game at his discretion, and no new certifi-
5 cate shall be issued for a period of one year thereafter to
7 such person.

Sect. 12. 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
5 or hereafter enacted.