

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 172

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sweatt of Andover.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-five of chapter thirty-three of
the revised statutes, as amended by chapters two hundred
nineteen and two hundred forty-four of the public laws of
nineteen seventeen, relating to the protection of game birds.

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

Section fifty-five of chapter thirty-three of the revised stat-
2 utes, as amended by chapters two hundred nineteen and two
3 hundred forty-four of the public laws of nineteen seventeen,
4 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inclusive"
5 in the seventh line thereof the words 'provided, however,
6 that for a period of two years from October first, nineteen
7 nineteen, there shall be a closed season on partridge in the

8 counties of Androscoggin, York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc,
9 Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Kennebec, and in Somerset coun-
10 ty southerly of the Canadian Pacific Railway line, during
11 which closed season it shall be unlawful for any person to
12 hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession at any
13 time any partridge taken in above-named closed territory,
14 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 55. There shall be an annual closed season for
2 ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, spruce partridge,
3 woodcock, all varieties of wild ducks, brant, geese, plover,
4 snipe, sora and other rails, coots and gallinules, as follows:
5 On partridge and woodcock, above-named, from the first
6 day of December of each year to the thirtieth day of Sep-
7 tember of the following year, both days inclusive. Pro-
8 vided, however, that for a period of two years from Octo-
9 ber first, nineteen nineteen, there shall be a closed season
10 on partridge in the counties of Androscoggin, York, Cum-
11 berland, Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Kennebec,
12 and in Somerset county southerly of the Canadian Pacific
13 Railway line, during which closed season it shall be unlaw-
14 ful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or
15 have in possession at any time any partridge taken in above-
16 named closed territory. On all varieties of ducks, brant
17 and geese and on coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson
18 snipe, from the first day of January of each year to the
19 fifteenth day of the following September, both days inclu-
20 sive; on black-breasted and golden plover and greater and

21 lesser yellowlegs, from the first day of December of each
22 year to the fifteenth day of August of the following year,
23 both days inclusive; on rails (except coots and gallinules)
24 from the first day of December of each year to the thirty-
25 first day of August of the following year, both days in-
26 clusive, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful
27 to hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of the
28 above-named birds except as hereinafter provided; pro-
29 vided, further, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch,
30 kill or destroy or have in possession at any time, any cur-
31 lew, wood duck, swans, or any shore birds except black-
32 breasted and golden plover, Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock
33 and greater or lesser yellowlegs; and no person shall, dur-
34 ing the respective open seasons for the above-named birds,
35 take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one
36 day more than five partridge or ruffed grouse, ten wood-
37 cock, ten ducks, five plover and ten snipe; nor shall any
38 person at any time buy or sell any of the above-named
39 birds; nor shall any person or corporation carry or trans-
40 port from place to place any of the birds mentioned in this
41 section in closed season (except that a person shall have
42 a reasonable time after the beginning of closed season to
43 transport, as hereinafter provided, to his home, game birds
44 legally killed by him in open season), nor in open season
45 unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled with owner's
46 name and residence, and accompanied by him, unless tagged
47 with a transportation tax as hereinafter provided; nor shall

48 any person or corporation carry or transport in any one day
49 more than ten ducks, five plover, ten snipe, five partridges
50 and ten woodcock, as the property of one person.

‘Provided, however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this
2 state who has purchased a transportation tag therefor of
3 the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and paid
4 five dollars for the same, to take with him out of the state
5 five partridges or ten ducks or ten woodcock, which he him-
6 self has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds
7 being transported by virtue of this paragraph.

‘Provided, further, that any citizen of this state who has
2 lawfully in his possession, one pair of either of the birds
3 named in this section, may send the same anywhere in this
4 state without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the
5 duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag, paying
6 therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said tag to
7 the pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall
8 under any of the provisions of this paragraph send as afore-
9 said more than one pair of game birds once in seven days.

‘Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section
2 shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense,
3 and in addition thereto one dollar for each bird of the
4 above-named varieties taken, caught, killed, had in posses-
5 sion or transported in violation hereof.’