

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 308

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Reported by Mr. Flint from Committee on Inland Fisheries  
and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty-three  
of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapters Two Hun-  
dred Nineteen and Two Hundred Forty-four of the Public  
Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Relating to the Pro-  
tection of Game Birds.

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

Section fifty-five of chapter thirty-three of the revised  
2 statutes, as amended by chapters two hundred nineteen  
3 and two hundred forty-four of the public laws of nineteen  
4 hundred seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all  
5 of said section and substituting therefor the following sec-  
6 tion:

'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 gailinules, 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, except  
8 that for a period of two years from October first, nineteen  
9 hundred nineteen, the closed season on partridge and wood-  
10 cock in the counties of Androscoggin, York, Cumberland,  
11 Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Kennebec, shall be  
12 from the first day of November of each year to the thirtieth  
13 day of September of the following year, both days inclu-  
14 sive, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful for  
15 any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or have in  
16 possession at any time any partridge or woodcock except as  
17 hereinafter provided. On all varieties of ducks, brant and  
18 geese and on coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson  
19 snipe, from the first day of January of each year to the  
20 fifteenth day of the following September, both days inclu-  
21 sive; on black-breasted and golden plover and greater and  
22 lesser yellowlegs, from the first day of December of each  
23 year to the fifteenth day of August of the following year,  
24 both days inclusive; on rails (except coots and gallinules)  
25 from the first day of December of each year to the thirty-  
26 first day of August of the following year, both days inclu-  
27 sive, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to

28 hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of the  
29 above-named birds except as hereinafter provided; pro-  
30 vided, further, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase,  
31 catch, kill or destroy or have in possession at any time,  
32 any curlew, woodduck, swans, or any shore birds, except  
33 black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or Jacksnipe,  
34 woodcock, and greater or lesser yellowlegs; and no person  
35 shall, during the respective open seasons for the above-  
36 named birds, take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession  
37 in any one day more than five partridge or ruffed grouse,  
38 ten woodcock, ten ducks, five plover and ten snipe; nor  
39 shall any person at any time buy or sell any of the above-  
40 named birds; nor shall any person or corporation carry or  
41 transport from place to place any of the birds mentioned  
42 in this section in closed season (except that a person shall  
43 have a reasonable time after the beginning of closed sea-  
44 son to transport, as hereinafter provided, to his home,  
45 game birds legally killed by him in open season), nor in  
46 open season unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled  
47 with owner's name and residence, and accompanied by him,  
48 unless tagged with a transportation tag as hereinafter pro-  
49 vided; nor shall any person or corporation carry or trans-  
50 port in any one day more than ten ducks, five plover, ten  
51 snipe, five partridges and ten woodcock, as the property  
52 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 the  
7 pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall under  
8 any of the provisions of this paragraph send as aforesaid  
9 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 pos-  
5 session or transported in violation hereof.'