

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 200

House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty-three of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen and Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and by Chapter Sixty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, 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
2 statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and nineteen
3 and chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws
4 of nineteen hundred and seventeen and by chapter sixty-
5 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen,

6 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and 7 by substituting therefor the following section:

'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; during 8 which closed season it shall be unlawful for any person to 9 hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession at 10 any time any partridge or woodcock except as hereinafter 11 provided. On all varieties of ducks, brant and geese and 12 on coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson snipe, from 13 the first day of January of each year to the fifteenth day 14 of the following September, both days inclusive; on black- 15 breasted and golden plover and greater and lesser yellow- 16 legs, from the first day of December of each year to the 17 fifteenth day of August of the following year, both days 18 inclusive; on rails (except coots and gallinules) from the 19 first day of December of each year to the thirty-first day 20 of August of the following year, both days inclusive; pro- 21 vided, however, that in Merrymeeting Bay, so-called, in the 22 counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Lincoln, and in the 23 towns adjacent thereto, the closed season on black-breasted 24 and golden plover and greater and lesser yellowlegs shall 25 be from the first day of December of each year to the fif-

26 teenth day of the following September, both days inclusive;
27 during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt,
28 chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-
29 named birds except as hereinafter provided; provided, fur-
30 ther, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or
31 destroy or have in possession at any time, any curlew, wood
32 duck, swans, or any shore birds except black-breasted and
33 golden plover, Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater
34 or lesser yellowlegs; and no person shall, during the re-
35 spective open seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch,
36 kill, destroy or have in possession in any one day more than
37 five partridge or ruffed grouse, six woodcock, ten ducks,
38 five plover and ten snipe; provided, further, that no person
39 shall take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any
40 one open season for partridge or ruffed grouse more than
41 twenty-five of said birds; nor shall any person at any time
42 buy or sell any of the above-named birds; nor shall any
43 person or corporation carry or transport from place to place
44 any of the birds mentioned in this section in closed season
45 (except that a person shall have a reasonable time after the
46 beginning of closed season to transport, as hereinafter pro-
47 vided, to his home, game birds legally killed by him in open
48 season), nor in open season unless open to view, tagged
49 and plainly labeled with owner's name and residence, and
50 accompanied by him, unless tagged with a transportation
51 tag as hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or cor-
52 poration carry or transport in any one day more than ten

53 ducks, five plover, ten snipe, five partridges and six wood-
54 cock, as the property of one person. Provided, however,
55 it shall be lawful for a citizen of this state who has pur-
56 chased a transportation tag therefor of the commissioner
57 of inland fisheries and game, and paid five dollars for the
58 same, to take with him out of the state five partridges or
59 ten ducks or six woodcock, which he himself has lawfully
60 killed, by attaching said tag to the birds being transported
61 by virtue of this paragraph. Provided, further, that any
62 citizen of this state who has lawfully in his possession, one
63 pair of either of the birds named in this section, may send
64 the same anywhere in this state without accompanying the
65 same, by purchasing of the duly constituted agent therefor
66 a transportation tag, paying therefor the sum of fifty cents,
67 and attaching said tag to the pair of birds. Provided, fur-
68 ther, that no person shall under any of the provisions of
69 this paragraph send as aforesaid more than one pair of
70 game birds once in seven days. Whoever violates any of
71 the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less
72 than ten and not more than fifty dollars and costs for each
73 offense, and in addition thereto five dollars for each bird
74 of the above-named varieties taken, caught, killed, had in
75 possession or transported in violation hereof.'