

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 349**

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House of Representatives, March 18, 1921.

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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 TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT to Establish Game Preserves or Sanctuaries in the  
State of Maine.

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

Section 1. For the purpose of establishing game preserves,  
2 or sanctuaries for wild life in this state, the commissioner  
3 of inland fisheries and game, by and with the advice and  
4 consent of the governor and council, on petition of one  
5 hundred or more interested citizens of the county in which  
6 the land affected lies, including a majority of the owners  
7 of improved property on lands affected thereby, after notice  
8 published in two or more daily newspapers in the state once

9 a week for three successive weeks next prior to the hearing  
10 thereon, and after written notice mailed to each owner of  
11 such improved property at least two weeks before said hear-  
12 ing, may set apart and designate certain territory, or tracts  
13 of land, in any or all of the counties of this state, as game  
14 preserves in which it shall be unlawful for any person or  
15 persons to take, pursue, catch or kill any wild birds or in-  
16 land fish and game for a series of years, not exceeding ten,  
17 if he deems it for the best interest of the state so to do.  
18 Provided, however, that the land and waters to be affected  
19 do not exceed ten per cent of the area of each county where  
20 such sanctuaries, or preserves, are so designated.

Provided, further, that during said period, or any renewal  
2 thereof, by said commissioner, it shall be unlawful to have  
3 in possession any wild birds or inland fish and game taken,  
4 caught or killed in violation of this section, and all offenses  
5 under this act shall be punishable by the same penalties as  
6 are imposed therefor during other closed seasons.

And provided further, that said commissioner by and with  
2 the consent of the governor and council after notice and  
3 hearing as aforesaid may make such modifications affecting  
4 the taking of birds, fish and game on said preserves as he  
5 may deem for the best interests of the state so to do.

Sect. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.