

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 135

House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Lord 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-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Sections Thirty-eight and Thirty-nine of
Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relative to the Sus-
pension by the Governor of Open Season for Hunting.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-eight of chapter eight of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "state" in the second line thereof the words 'or the
4 taking of fish from the inland waters thereof,' and by strik-
5 ing out the words "possession of firearms" in the third line
6 thereof and substituting in place thereof the words 'hunting
7 or fishing,' so that said section as amended shall read as
8 follows:

‘Sect. 38. Whenever, during an open season for the hunting of any kind of game or game birds in this state, or the taking of fish from the inland waters thereof, it shall appear to the governor that by reason of drought hunting or fishing in the forests is liable to cause forest fires, he may by proclamation suspend the open season and make it a close season for such time as he may designate.’

Sect. 2. Section thirty-nine of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section beginning with the word “Whoever” in the fourth line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words, ‘Whoever, during the close season fixed by proclamation of the governor, as provided in the preceding section, enters upon the wild lands carrying or having in his possession any firearms; or who catches any fish or shoots any wild animal or bird for which there is no close season otherwise provided by law, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense,’ so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 39. During the time which shall by such proclamation be made a close season, all provisions of law covering and relating to the close season shall be in force, and a person violating a provision of the same shall be subject to the penalty therein prescribed. Whoever, during the close season fixed by proclamation of the governor, as provided in the preceding section, enters upon the wild lands

8 carrying or having in his possession any firearms; or who
9 catches any fish or shoots any wild animal or bird for which
10 there is no close season otherwise provided by law, shall
11 be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than
12 one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'