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E I G H T Y - S E C O N D L E G I S L A T U R E

S. P. No. 165

H. D. No. 140

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1925.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Crafts of Piscataquis.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

**I N T H E Y E A R O F O U R L O R D O N E T H O U S A N D N I N E
H U N D R E D A N D T W E N T Y - F I V E**

**A N A C T t o P r o h i b i t t h e T a k i n g o f F i r e a r m s i n t o U n o r g a n i z e d
T o w n s h i p s D u r i n g C l o s e d S e a s o n o n P a r t r i d g e o r R u f f e d
G r o u s e , S o - c a l l e d .**

B e i t e n a c t e d b y t h e P e o p l e o f t h e S t a t e o f M a i n e , a s f o l l o w s :

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person except a law
2 enforcement officer on official duty to have in possession, at
3 any time, in any unorganized township in the state, during
4 closed season on partridge or ruffed grouse, so-called, in said
5 township, any firearm, or firearms, except for a period of one
6 week previous to the beginning of open season on partridge
7 or ruffed grouse therein, and for a period of one week

8 subsequent to the close of the open season on partridge or
9 ruffed grouse therein.

The possession of any firearm, or firearms, in the fields
2 or forests, or on the waters of any unorganized township
3 during closed season on partridge or ruffed grouse, so-called,
4 except as herein provided, shall be prima facie evidence of
5 violation of this law.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall
2 not be construed as prohibiting any person residing in any
3 unorganized township from using a firearm for the pur-
4 pose of killing at any time, any wild animal, except beaver,
5 or wild bird, found destroying his property, or as applying
6 to paymasters for timberland owners under permit of the
7 commissioner of inland fisheries and game or the posses-
8 sion of shotguns by licensed hunters and trappers or the
9 possession of twenty-two calibre rifles under permit of the
10 commissioner of inland fisheries and game for target prac-
11 tice at summer camps within such territory.

Sect. 2. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall
2 be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than
3 one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.