

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 743

H. D. No. 404

House of Representatives, March 16, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Flint of Monson from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clarke of Randolph.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT 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 two hundred and nineteen of
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the
4 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by
5 chapter sixty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred
6 and nineteen and by chapter one hundred and eight of the
7 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby
8 amended by striking out all of said section and by substitut-
9 ing 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 of
14 the following September, both days inclusive; on black-
15 breasted and golden plover and greater and lesser yellow-
16 legs and rails (except coots and gallinules) from the first
17 day of December of each year to the fifteenth day of
18 September of the following year, both days inclusive; dur-
19 ing which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase,
20 catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-named
21 birds except as hereinafter provided; provided, further, that
22 it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy
23 or have in possession at any time, any curlew, wood duck,
24 swans, or any shore birds except black-breasted and golden
25 plover, Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater or
26 lesser yellowlegs; and no person shall, during the respec-
27 tive open seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch,

28 kill, destroy or have in possession in any one day more than
29 five partridge or ruffed grouse, six woodcock, ten ducks,
30 five plover and ten snipe; provided, further, that no person
31 shall take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any
32 one open season for partridge or ruffed grouse more than
33 twenty-five of said birds; nor shall any person at any
34 time buy or sell any of the above-named birds; nor shall
35 any person or corporation carry or transport from place
36 to place any of the birds mentioned in this section in
37 closed season (except that a person shall have a reasonable
38 time after the beginning of closed season to transport, as
39 hereinafter provided, to his home, game birds legally killed
40 by him in open season), nor in open season unless open to
41 view, tagged and plainly labeled with owner's name and
42 residence, and accompanied by him, unless tagged with a
43 transportation tag as hereinafter provided; nor shall any
44 person or corporation carry or transport in any one day
45 more than ten ducks, five plover, ten snipe, five partridges
46 and six woodcock, as the property of one person. Provided,
47 however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this state who
48 has purchased a transportation tag therefor of the commis-
49 sioner of inland fisheries and game, and paid five dollars
50 for the same, to take with him out of the state five part-
51 ridges or ten ducks or six woodcock, which he himself has
52 lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds being trans-
53 ported by virtue of this paragraph. Provided, further, that
54 any citizen of this state who has lawfully in his possession,

55 one pair of either of the birds named in this section, may
56 send the same anywhere in this state without accompanying
57 the same, by purchasing of the duly constituted agent there-
58 for a transportation tag, paying therefor the sum of fifty
59 cents, and attaching said tag to the pair of birds. Provided,
60 further, that no person shall under any of the provisions of
61 this paragraph send as aforesaid more than one pair of
62 game birds once in seven days. Whoever violates any of
63 the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than
64 ten and not more than fifty dollars and costs for each
65 offense, and in addition thereto five dollars for each bird
66 of the above-named varieties taken, caught, killed, had in
67 possession or transported in violation hereof.'