

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**S. P. 634**

**S. D. 295**

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In Senate, April 2, 1925.

Introduced by Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis under suspension of rules and ordered printed. Bill given first reading under suspension of rules and laid on table for printing.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crafts of Piscataquis.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Authorize the Promulgation of Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Whereas, most of the present code of rules and regulations of the department of inland fisheries and game of nineteen hundred and seventeen will expire on July seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the majority of which rules and regulations were promulgated by special order of the Legislature of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, for a period of four years,

And Whereas, the important fishing interests of this state require that there shall be no lapse of these rules and regulations, which apply to important inland waters of the state which

are being constantly stocked from the various fish hatcheries,

And Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts immediate action on the part of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and in the opinion of this Legislature constitutes an emergency as contemplated in the constitution, now therefore

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

Section 1. The commissioner of inland fisheries and game, 2 within sixty days from the adjournment of this Legislature, 3 shall promulgate and continue in effect, not exceeding four 4 years, such of the rules and regulations of the department 5 of inland fisheries and game now in force as he deems 6 necessary for the protection and preservation of the fish 7 and game of this state, said rules and regulations to take 8 effect July seventh, A. D., nineteen hundred and twenty- 9 five, and to continue in force for a period of four years 10 thereafter, unless sooner revoked or modified by said com- 11 missioner. Such rules and regulations shall be published in 12 a newspaper printed in the county in which the waters af- 13 fected are located, and shall be filed in the office of the 14 secretary of state.

Sect. 2. Whoever violates any provision of any rules and 2 regulations of the commissioner of inland fisheries and 3 game promulgated by virtue of this act shall be subject to 4 the same penalties as are provided in section three of chap-

5 ter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen  
6 hundred and seventeen.

In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this  
2 act shall take effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Most of the local fishing regulations, many of them on important waters like the Rangeley Chain, etc., expire July 7, 1925.

Inasmuch as it is necessary to advertise these regulations previous to the time they become effective, they must be promulgated by the Commissioner within sixty days after adjournment, and in order that there may be no lapses of any of them this bill is introduced under an emergency clause.

The Legislature of 1917, in order to relieve further Legislative bodies of the work incident to passing on the large volume of private and special legislation on lakes, ponds and streams which had been coming up at each session of the Legislature, decided to pass into the hands of the Department the promulgation of these regulations, so the Commissioner could go to the localities where the waters are situated and hold the hearings in the vicinity and give all persons interested an opportunity to be heard, which would convenience the public more than having the matters taken up by the Legislature itself.

The 1921 Legislature passed an emergency act the same as here proposed that there might be no lapse of rules and regulations of the important fishing interests of the State.