

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Winslow of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Registration of Resident Hunters and
Fishermen.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter one hundred and seven-
2 ty-three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine-
3 teen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-one,
4 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is
5 hereby amended by striking out all of the fifth line of said
6 section after and including the word "twenty-five," and
7 inserting in place thereof the words 'one dollar and fifteen
8 cents,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Any resident of this state may make written ap-
2 plication to the clerk of the city, town or plantation in which

3 such resident resides, and such city, town or plantation
4 clerk, after having satisfied himself that the applicant is a
5 bona fide resident of said city, town or plantation, and upon
6 the payment by such applicant of a fee of one dollar and
7 fifteen cents, fifteen cents of which shall be retained by
8 said clerk as recording fee, shall issue to such applicant a
9 certificate in the form prescribed and upon blanks furnished
10 by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, which
11 certificate shall bear the name, age occupation, place of resi-
12 dence, and an identifying description of the holder of such
13 certificate, and shall authorize the person so registered to
14 hunt and kill such wild birds and wild animals as may be
15 legally hunted, and to fish for, take, catch or kill fish in the
16 inland waters of the state, in their respective open seasons
17 and in the manner provided by law, on any lands or waters
18 on which hunting or killing or fishing is not forbidden by
19 law.

Such certificate shall authorize the hunting or killing of
2 game and game birds, and the taking, catching and killing
3 of fish in the inland waters of this state, only under such
4 restrictions and for such purposes as are imposed or author-
5 ized by law.'

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-
4 one, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 three, is hereby amended by striking out the words "so long

6 as the registrant remains a citizen of this state” in lines
7 two and three of said section, and inserting in place thereof
8 the words ‘until January first next following the date of
9 issue,’ and by striking out all of said section after and in-
10 cluding the word “No” in the twelfth line thereof, and in-
11 serting in place thereof the words ‘No such certificate shall
12 be required of any person under sixteen years of age,’ so
13 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 3. Each certificate issued under the provisions of
2 this act shall be valid until January first next following the
3 date of issue; such certificate shall not be transferable, and
4 shall not be valid unless the signature of the person to whom
5 it was issued is written thereon in ink.

Every person holding a certificate of registration by virtue
2 of this act shall, at all times, while hunting or fishing, have
3 such certificate on his person, and shall exhibit the same for
4 inspection to any person authorized to enforce the inland
5 fish and game laws, or any fire warden. Failure to produce
6 such certificate, or satisfactory evidence of the issuance of
7 same, upon request shall constitute a violation of this act.

No such certificate shall be required of any person under
2 sixteen years of age.’

Sect. 3. Section seven of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three, as amended by said chapter one hundred and
3 twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out the word
5 “ten” in the seventh line of said section, and inserting in

6 place thereof the word 'fifteen,' so that said section, as
7 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. Every city, town and plantation clerk shall keep
2 a record of all such certificates issued by him, which record
3 shall be open to inspection by any person authorized to en-
4 force the inland fish and game laws, and such clerk, shall,
5 on the first Monday of every month, forward to the com-
6 missioner of inland fisheries and game the amount received,
7 if any, for such certificates issued during the preceding
8 month, less the recording fee of fifteen cents, together with
9 the application and stub of each certificate issued.

Any city, town or plantation clerk who shall neglect or
2 refuse to carry out the provisions of this section or to remit
3 for certificates issued by virtue of this act within a period
4 of thirty days from the first Monday of each month shall
5 be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars
6 nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Sect. 4. Section eight of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
4 tion after the word "treasurer" in the third line thereof, and
5 inserting in place thereof the following words: 'the same
6 to be credited to the appropriation for the operation of fish
7 hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection
8 of fish, game and birds, and for printing the report of the
9 commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and other ex-
10 penses incident to the administration of the Department of

11 Inland Fisheries and Game, and shall be expended by said
12 commissioner for the purposes for which the above appro-
13 priation is made.

Provided, further, that if any such moneys are not ex-
2 pended during the year in which they are collected, the
3 unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall be available
4 for the purposes herein specified until expended,' so that
5 said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 8. All registration fees collected by virtue of this
2 act shall be paid by the commissioner of inland fisheries
3 and game to the state treasurer, the same to be credited
4 to the appropriation for the operation of fish hatcheries and
5 feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game
6 and birds, and for printing the report of the commissioner
7 of inland fisheries and game, and other expenses incident
8 to the administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries
9 and Game, and shall be expended by said commissioner for
10 the purposes for which the above appropriation is made.

Provided, further, that if any such moneys are not ex-
2 pended during the year in which they are collected, the
3 unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall be available
4 for the purposes herein specified until expended.'

Sect. 5. Section thirteen of said chapter one hundred and
2 seventy-three, as amended by said chapter one hundred and
3 twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of the
5 first five lines of said section, and by adding to the eleventh

6 and last line of said section the words: 'as amended by
7 chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of
8 nineteen hundred and twenty-three,' so that said section, as
9 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. All such certificates issued after this act takes
2 effect shall be combination hunting and fishing certificates,
3 as provided herein, the same to be in the form prescribed
4 and upon blanks furnished the several town, city and plan-
5 tation clerks of the state by the commissioner of inland
6 fisheries and game, as provided in section two of said chap-
7 ter one hundred and seventy-three of the public laws of
8 nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by chapter one
9 hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hun-
10 dred and twenty-three.'