

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 616                      House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and 500  
copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clifford of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Regulate the Hunting of Wild Birds on the Waters  
of Merrymeeting Bay.

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

Section 1. A game sanctuary shall be established in Merry-  
2 meeting bay, bounded as follows: On the north by a line  
3 drawn from the bolts on the ledge south of Sturgeon island,  
4 thence westerly to the north end of Big Brick island, thence  
5 southerly along the east shore of Big Brick island to the  
6 southern end of Little Brick island, thence easterly to a  
7 large boulder, to which a marker shall be affixed, near the  
8 sawdust pile on Butler's Head, thence following the shore  
9 back to the original starting point.

Within this sanctuary it shall be unlawful at any time to  
2 shoot, shoot at, molest, or pursue game or game birds of  
3 any description, providing however, that boats may pass  
4 through without incurring any penalty.

Sect. 2. Not more than twelve duck decoys of any kind  
2 in the aggregate shall be allowed in any one flock in the  
3 waters of Merrymeeting bay and its tributaries. Only one  
4 flock at the same time may be placed in the water by one  
5 boat, or blind. No flock of decoys shall be placed nearer  
6 than one hundred yards to a flock already set or being set.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful during the open seasons to  
2 enter upon the waters of Merrymeeting bay and its tribu-  
3 taries for the purpose of hunting wild water fowl before  
4 sunrise each morning, nor shall any gunning-floats be  
5 launched, decoys placed or blinds occupied until after sun-  
6 rise. It shall also be unlawful to hunt or shoot wild water  
7 fowl after three o'clock each afternoon.

Sect. 4. Whoever violates any of the preceding sections  
2 of this act shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor  
3 more than forty dollars for each offense.