

EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 184

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk. Presented by Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Protection of Moose.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section thirty-seven, of chapter two hundred and nineteen
2 of the public laws of one thousand nine hundred and seven3 teen, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-one
4 of the public laws of one thousand nine hundred and nine5 teen, as amended by chapter one hundred and five of the
6 public laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,
7 and as amended by chapter eighty-three of the public
8 laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, is hereby
9 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi10 tuting therefore the following section:

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'Sect. 37. Whoever at any time, hunts, pursues or kills 2 any cow moose, or calf moose, or has in possession any 3 part, or parts thereof, whenever or wherever taken, caught 4 or killed, shall pay a fine of not exceeding two hundred 5 dollars and costs for each offense, or be imprisoned for 6 sixty days, or shall be subject to both said fine and imprison-7 ment; the term "calf moose" as herein used shall be con-8 strued to mean that these animals are calves until they are 9 at least one year old, and have at least two prongs or times, 10 in addition to the main branch, not less than three inches 11 long to each of their horns.

'No person shall between the sixteenth day of December 2 of each year and the thirtieth day of November of the 3 following year, both days inclusive, hunt, take, catch, kill 4 or have in possession any bull moose, or part thereof, when-5 ever or wherever taken, caught or killed, nor shall any 6 person between the first day of December and the fifteenth 7 day of December of each year, both days inclusive, take, 8 catch, kill, or have in possession, more than one bull moose, 9 or part thereof, under a penalty of not more than three 10 hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or imprisonment 11 for sixty days, or both said fine and imprisonment.

'No person or corporation shall knowingly carry or trans-2 port from place to place any bull moose, or part thereof, 3 in close season, nor in open season, unless open to view, 4 tagged and plainly labeled with the owner's name and resi-5 dence, and accompanied by him while being transported and 6 identified by him at such places as the commissioner of 7 inland fisheries and game shall have designated by publica-8 tion in the daily newspapers in the state, under a penalty 9 of not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than three 10 hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or imprison-11 ment for sixty days, or both said fine and imprisonment, 12 for each bull moose, or part thereof, transported or carried 13 in violation of any provision of this section; any person not 14 the actual owner of such bull moose, or part thereof, who 15 to aid another in such transportation, falsely represents him-16 self to be the owner thereof, shall be liable to the same 17 penalty; and it shall be prima facie evidence that such bull 18 moose, or part thereof, that is being transported or carried 19 in violation of any provision of this section was illegally 20 killed.

'No person shall, under the same penalty, sell or give 2 away any bull moose, or part thereof, to be transported 3 or carried beyond the limits of this state, nor shall any 4 person, under the same penalty, buy, or accept as a gift, 5 any bull moose or part thereof, to so transport the same, 6 nor shall any resident of this state, under the same penalty, 7 carry or transport, in any manner, beyond the limits of this 8 state, any bull moose or part thereof.

'Provided, however, that a resident of the State of Maine 2 who has lawfully killed a bull moose, may send the same 3 to his home, or to any hospital in the state, without accom-4 panying the same by purchasing of the commissioner of HOUSE-No. 184

5 inland fisheries and game, or of a duly appointed agent, a 6 transportation tag, and said tag shall be attached to the 7 bull moose or part thereof being transported, paying there-8 for a fee of five dollars.

^{(Provided, further, that any non-resident who has law-2 fully killed a bull moose may send the same to his home 3 by presenting to the agent of a transportation company his 4 moose hunting license duly issued to him under the pro-5 visions of sections fifty-nine and sixty of this chapter, as 6 amended, whereupon the agent, after satisfying himself that 7 the person presenting said moose is the person described 8 in the license shall detach from said license the two moose 9 coupons and shall attach the eyeletted one to the moose, or 10 part thereof, offered for shipment, and said coupon shall 11 remain attached to said moose, or part thereof, while it is 12 being transported in this state; the other moose coupon 13 shall be duly filled out by said transportation agent and 14 forwarded forthwith to the commissioner of inland fisheries 15 and game at Augusta, Maine.}

'Whoever lawfully kills a bull moose, shall, while the same, 2 or any part thereof, is being transported, preserve and trans-3 port it with the evidence thereon of the sex of the same, 4 under a penalty of three hundred dollars and costs, and 5 forfeiture to the state of the moose, or part thereof, being 6 transported in violation of this requirement.'

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