

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 275

S. P. 529

In Senate, Mar. 23, 1927.

Reported by Senator Crafts from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Closed Time on Greater and Lesser
Yellowlegs.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-five of chapter two hundred and
2 nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven-
3 teen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of
4 the 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, and by
8 chapter eighty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
9 twenty-five, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
10 "inclusive" in the fifteenth line of said section the words:

11 'provided, however, that in the county of Sagadahoc the
12 closed season on greater and lesser yellowlegs shall be from
13 the first day of December of each year to the fifteenth day
14 of August of the following year, both days inclusive,' so
15 that said section, as amended shall read as follows:

'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 any
10 time any partridge or woodcock except as hereinafter pro-
11 vided. On all varieties of ducks, brant and geese and on
12 coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson snipe, from the
13 first day of January of each year to the fifteenth day of the
14 following September, both days inclusive; on black-breasted
15 and golden plover and greater and lesser yellowlegs and
16 rails (except coots and gallinules) from the first day of
17 December of each year to the fifteenth day of September
18 of the following year, both days inclusive; provided, how-
19 ever, that in the county of Sagadahoc the closed season on
20 greater and lesser yellowlegs shall be from the first day of
21 December of each year to the fifteenth day of August of
22 the following year, both days inclusive; during which closed

23 seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or
24 have in possession any of the above-named birds except as
25 hereinafter provided; provided, further, that it shall be un-
26 lawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy or have in
27 possession at any time, any curlew, wood duck, swans, or
28 any shore birds except black-breasted and golden plover,
29 Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater or lesser yel-
30 lowlegs; and no person shall, during the respective open
31 seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch, kill, destroy
32 or have in possession in any one day more than five part-
33 ridge or ruffed grouse, six woodcock, ten ducks, five plover
34 and ten snipe; provided, further, that no person shall take,
35 catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one open
36 season for partridge or ruffed grouse more than twenty-five
37 of said birds; nor shall any person at any time buy or sell
38 any of the above-named birds; nor shall any person or
39 corporation carry or transport from place to place any of
40 the birds mentioned in this section in closed season (except
41 that a person shall have a reasonable time after the begin-
42 ning of closed season to transport, as hereinafter provided,
43 to his home, game birds legally killed by him in open sea-
44 son), nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and
45 plainly labeled with owner's name and residence, and ac-
46 companied by him, unless tagged with a transportation tag
47 as hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or corporation
48 carry or transport in any one day more than ten ducks, five
49 plover, ten snipe, five partridges and six woodcock, as the

50 property of one person. Provided, however, it shall be law-
51 ful for a citizen of this state who has purchased a trans-
52 portation tag therefor of the commissioner of inland fisheries
53 and game, and paid five dollars for the same, to take with
54 him out of the state five partridges or ten ducks or six
55 woodcock, which he himself has lawfully killed, by attach-
56 ing said tag to the birds being transported by virtue of this
57 paragraph. Provided, further, that any citizen of this state
58 who has lawfully in his possession, one pair of either of the
59 birds named in this section, may send the same anywhere in
60 this state without accompanying the same, by purchasing of
61 the duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag,
62 paying therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said
63 tag to the pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person
64 shall under any of the provisions of this paragraph send as
65 aforesaid more than one pair of game birds once in seven
66 days. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section
67 shall pay a fine of not less than ten and not more than fifty
68 dollars and costs for each offense, and in addition thereto
69 five dollars for each bird of the above-named varieties taken,
70 caught, killed, had in possession or transported in violation
71 hereof.'