

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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**Senate Document**

**No. 382**

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S. P. 645

In Senate, Apr. 11, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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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 Relating to the Protection of Moose.

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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 nineteen hundred and seventeen, as  
3 amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the pub-  
4 lic laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by  
5 chapter one hundred and five of the public laws of nine-  
6 teen hundred and twenty-one, and as amended by chapter  
7 eighty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and  
8 twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said  
9 section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 37. Whoever at any time hunts, pursues or kills any

2 cow moose, or calf moose, or has in possession any part,  
3 or parts, thereof, whenever or wherever taken, caught or  
4 killed, shall pay a fine of not less than two hundred dollars,  
5 nor more than three hundred dollars, and costs, for each  
6 offense, or be imprisoned for sixty days, or shall be sub-  
7 ject to both said fine and imprisonment; the term "calf  
8 moose" as herein used shall be construed to mean that these  
9 animals are calves until they are at least one year old, and  
10 have at least two prongs or tines not less than three inches  
11 long to each of their horns.

No person shall, at any time, hunt, pursue, catch or kill  
2 any bull moose in the county of Androscoggin, Cumberland,  
3 York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford or  
4 Franklin, under a penalty of not less than two hundred dol-  
5 lars nor more than three hundred dollars, and costs, for  
6 each offense, or imprisonment for sixty days, or both said  
7 fine and imprisonment; nor shall any person, under the same  
8 penalty, have in possession at any time any bull moose, or  
9 part or parts thereof, taken in either of said counties.

No person shall, at any time, hunt, pursue, catch or kill  
2 any bull moose in the county of Aroostook, Penobscot,  
3 Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington or Hancock, ex-  
4 cept from the twenty-first day of November to the twenty-  
5 sixth day of November, both days inclusive, in the year  
6 nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, nor shall any person  
7 between the twenty-first day of November and the twenty-  
8 sixth day of November, both days inclusive, in the year

9 nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, take, catch or kill more  
10 than one bull moose, or have in possession more than one  
11 bull moose, or part or parts thereof, whenever or wherever  
12 taken, caught or killed, under a penalty of not less than  
13 two hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars,  
14 and costs, for each offense, or imprisonment for sixty days,  
15 or both said fine and imprisonment. No person shall, un-  
16 der the same penalty, at any time have in possession any  
17 bull moose, or part or parts thereof, in closed season, when-  
18 ever or wherever taken, caught or killed, except a per-  
19 son who has lawfully killed a bull moose in open season shall  
20 have a reasonable time in which to transport the same to his  
21 home, and may have the same in possession at his home in  
22 closed season.

No person or corporation shall carry or transport from  
2 place to place any bull moose, or part thereof, in close sea-  
3 son, nor in open season, unless open to view, tagged and  
4 plainly labeled with the owner's name and residence, and  
5 accompanied by him while being transported, and identified  
6 by him at such places as the commissioner of inland fisheries  
7 and game shall have designated by publication in the daily  
8 newspapers in the state, under a penalty of not less than two  
9 hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, and  
10 costs, for each offense, or imprisonment for sixty days, or  
11 both said fine and imprisonment, for each bull moose, or  
12 part thereof, transported or carried in violation of any pro-  
13 vision of this section; any person not the actual owner of

14 such bull moose, or part thereof, who, to aid another in  
15 such transportation, falsely represents himself to be the  
16 owner thereof, shall be liable to the same penalty; and it  
17 shall be prima facie evidence that such bull moose, or part  
18 thereof, that is being transported or carried in violation of  
19 any provision of this section was illegally killed.

No person shall, under the same penalty, sell or give away  
2 any bull moose, or part thereof, to be transported or car-  
3 ried beyond the limits of this state, nor shall any person,  
4 under the same penalty, buy or accept as a gift, any bull  
5 moose, or part thereof, to so transport the same; nor shall  
6 any resident of this state, under the same penalty, carry or  
7 transport, in any manner, beyond the limits of this state, any  
8 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  
5 inland fisheries and game, or of a duly appointed agent, a  
6 transportation tag, and said tag shall be attached to the bull  
7 moose, or part thereof, being transported, paying therefor  
8 a fee of five dollars.

Provided, further, that any non-resident who has lawfully  
2 killed a bull moose may send the same to his home by pre-  
3 senting to the agent of a transportation company his moose  
4 hunting license duly issued to him under the provisions of  
5 sections fifty-nine and sixty-one of this chapter, as amended

6 whereupon the agent, after satisfying himself that the per-  
7 son presenting said moose is the person described in the  
8 license, shall detach from said license the two moose cou-  
9 pons and shall attach the eyeletted one to the moose, or part  
10 thereof, offered for shipment, and said coupon shall remain  
11 attached to said moose, or part thereof, while it is being  
12 transported in this state; the other moose coupon shall be  
13 duly filled out by said transportation agent and forwarded  
14 forthwith to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game  
15 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 not less than two hundred dollars, nor  
5 more than three hundred dollars, and costs, for each offense,  
6 and forfeiture to the state of the moose, or part thereof,  
7 being transported in violation of this requirement.'