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H. P. 1361

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dorrance of Richmond, by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Requiring Fish and Game Wardens to Locate Hunters and
Fishermen Who are Lost.**

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

R. S., c. 38, § 12-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, and to read as follows:

‘Sec. 12-A. Search for lost persons. Whenever it shall come to the attention of the commissioner, his deputy, any inland fish and game warden or any inland fish and game deputy warden that any person known to have gone into the forests, or upon the inland waters, from which he has not returned within a reasonable time after his departure, shall conduct a thorough search for such person until found or until, in the judgment of the commissioner, a continuance of such search would be unavailing. By authority of the commissioner, the wardens or supervisors of any district are empowered to take or authorize such aid from any law enforcement agency or otherwise as may be necessary. A return to the commissioner of the names of all such aids shall be made immediately after the conclusion of such search. The commissioner may appoint for such purpose such deputies as he deems necessary when duly appointed wardens are not available. The commissioner shall cause to be supplied such necessary equip-

ment, provisions, transportation and shelter as may be necessary or available. The expenses attendant upon such search shall be paid by the state from the general fund. The names of all wardens, their addresses, and telephone numbers, together with instructions as to procedure in the search of persons who are lost shall be printed in each booklet published by the fish and game department.'