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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Search for Lost Persons.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and constables to have powers of wardens; wardens not to hold other offices; sheriffs to search for lost hunters and fishermen. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and constables are vested with the powers of inland fish and game wardens, and shall receive for their services the same fees as those of inland fish and game wardens. State paid fish and game wardens **and deputy wardens** appointed under the 10 preceding sections shall hold no other state or county office from which they receive compensation. Whenever it shall come to the attention of the sheriff of the county or his chief deputy that any person known to have gone upon a hunting or fishing trip, or a trip for any other purpose, within his county has not returned within a reasonable time after his departure, such sheriff or such chief deputy, with such aids as he deems necessary, shall search for such person and shall be entitled to reasonable fees and expenses for his services and of his aids, to be paid by the treasurer of his county. Before the said sheriff or his chief deputy

shall incur additional expenses at the end of the first 24 hours' search, he shall obtain the consent of a majority of the county commissioners of the said county. **The county commissioners of the several counties in the month of January of each year, may submit to the controller itemized statements of expenses incurred by their respective counties under the provisions of this section during the preceding calendar year, and upon approval the several counties shall be reimbursed from the general funds of the state for such expenses.'**