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House of Representatives, February 19, 1947.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McGown of Carmel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Permitting the Exhibition of Maine Wildlife at Amusement
Parks.**

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

R. S., c. 33, § 13-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 13-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 13-A. Exhibition of Maine wild life, permitting; license; bond. The commissioner of inland fish and game is hereby authorized to license any bona fide amusement park which has been established for at least 2 years, to exhibit publicly any wildlife of Maine for such periods and under such conditions as the commissioner shall, from time to time, establish in his own discretion, for which no charge or admission fee shall be made by any proprietor of such amusement park.

The capture of such wildlife shall be under the supervision and control of the commissioner, as also the period, or periods, of captivity. The commissioner may release, or cause to be released, to their natural habitat any such wildlife at any time.

Exclusive of the supervisory services of the commissioner or any full-

time wardens acting under the commissioner, the entire cost of establishment of facilities, of feeding and care, and the capture and release of said wildlife shall be at the expense of the licensee.

The commissioner may at any time suspend or revoke such license when in his sole discretion it is in the best interests of the state to do so, and no appeal shall lie to any court by reason thereof. Any person, firm or corporation, making application to the commissioner for such license, shall furnish the commissioner with such written information as he may require. A license fee of \$50 shall be paid to the treasurer of state and the license so issued shall be for 1 year from the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked. Such license may be renewed from year to year upon payment of a like fee of \$50 for each renewal period. Additionally, every licensee shall post a bond in the penal sum of \$1,000 with the commissioner, payable to the state, for the faithful performance by the licensee of his undertaking. Said bond shall be upon such conditions as the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall be drawn by the attorney-general of the state.'