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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sharpe of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Information Concerning Wild Life
and Providing for Revenue Therefor.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 32, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 32 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The clerks of all municipalities are authorized agents for the issuance of all fishing licenses. The commissioner may designate additional agents and shall determine the period during which they shall act. The license shall be issued upon payment of ~~\$1.15~~ \$2, and the clerk shall retain 15¢ from the fee. The license shall be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued. All licenses shall expire on midnight of December 31st of the year of issue. No license shall be wilfully issued to any person not a resident of the municipality in which said license is issued, and the penalty of any violation of this provision shall be \$10 and costs.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 32, amended. Subsection III of section 32 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘III. There shall be 4 classes of non-resident fishing licenses. A license for the entire season shall cost ~~\$5.15~~ \$6. A 15-day license shall cost

\$3.15 and shall remain in effect for 15 days from the date of purchase. The amount paid on a 15-day license shall be credited on an entire season license, upon the additional payment of \$2.15 in the same year in which the 15-day license was issued. A junior non-resident license, for persons between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age, shall cost ~~\$1.15~~ \$2 for a season. In all cases, 15c shall be retained by the agent from the license fee. Any non-resident of the state who is a citizen of the United States, may procure a license good for 3 consecutive days from the date of the purchase upon the payment of ~~\$1.65~~ \$2, 15c to be retained by the agent. The date of the days must be plainly enumerated on the face of the license. Any resident of the state who procures a 3-day license may exchange the same for an annual resident fishing license in the town in which he resides, upon the payment of 15c to the clerk or agent who issues same.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 33, § 63, amended. The 6th and 7th paragraphs of section 63 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'The license shall be issued to a resident by the clerk of the town in which the applicant resides, or if domiciled in an unorganized territory, then by the clerk of the nearest town, upon payment of a fee of ~~\$1.15~~ \$2, of which 15c shall be retained by the town clerk. The commissioner may appoint agents in unorganized towns for the purpose of issuing resident hunting licenses to the residents domiciled in that unorganized town.

A combination of hunting and fishing license may be issued on payment of ~~\$2.15~~ \$3, 15c to be retained by the town clerk.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 33, § 63, amended. The 10th paragraph of section 63 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Non-resident hunting licenses shall be of 2 classes: one class shall be issued upon the payment of ~~\$10.15~~ \$11, which will license the holder to hunt wild birds or animals during the open season therefor, except deer; the other class shall be issued upon the payment of ~~\$15.15~~ \$16, which will entitle the holder to hunt wild birds and animals including deer during the open season therefor. The agent issuing the license shall be allowed to retain 15c from the license fee.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 33, § 63, sub-§ VI, amended. The 1st paragraph of subsection VI of section 63 of chapter 33, of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any non-resident between the ages of 12 and 16 years may buy a junior non-resident hunting license entitling him to hunt wild birds and animals during the open season therefor, except deer, upon payment of ~~\$2.15~~ \$3 providing the application is accompanied by the written consent of his or her parent or guardian.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 33, § 59, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 59 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any resident who traps for any wild animal except rabbits as herein-after provided shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner, paying therefor \$10; provided, however, that the annual fee for such trapping within the limits of cities, towns and plantations of the state shall be ~~\$5~~ \$6; provided further, that whoever hunts or traps for any beaver on any land in the state open to beaver trapping by said commissioner shall pay therefor a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$11 annually, and an additional fee of ~~\$2~~ \$3 for the tagging and marking of each skin as required by law, skins to be so tagged and marked by warden supervisor as provided in section 100. The fee for a non-resident or alien for a trapping license shall be ~~\$50~~ \$55.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 33, § 29, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 29 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$6 shall be paid annually for the registration of a Class A guide and a fee of ~~\$4~~ \$5 shall be paid annually for a Class B guide. Non-residents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of ~~\$40~~ \$50. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 33, § 110-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 110-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 110-A. How moneys collected shall be expended. All moneys collected by the state for hunting, fishing, trapping, and guide licenses or any combination thereof, in an amount not to exceed 25%, shall be expended under the direction of the commissioner for further education of the public toward safety, conservation and observance of hunting and fishing laws.'

The commissioner shall print and distribute free to the people of Maine and to out-of-state fishing and hunting license holders a book, bound with

a hard cover, which shall explain fully the value of our wildlife resources, the dangers of neglect, the effect of lawless slaughter, the consequences of carelessness and allied matters pertaining to the preservation, conservation and propagation of wildlife and the safety and comfort of those who enjoy the sports of hunting and fishing. A committee, composed of the following people, shall advise the commissioner in the preparation, printing and distribution of such book: 1 senator appointed by the president of the senate, 2 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and the publicity director of the Maine development commission.'