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House of Representatives, January 30, 1951.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dennison of East Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Casualty Insurance for Hunters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 126-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 126-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 126-A. Relating to casualty insurance for hunters. The commissioner of inland fisheries and game shall pay from funds received for that purpose the sum of \$5,000 to the dependent heirs of all persons killed in the state of Maine while legally hunting in open season during October and November of each year.

The commissioner shall pay all hospital and doctors' bills of those wounded but in no case shall the amount so paid exceed the sum of \$5,000.

No payment shall be made under the provisions of this section except in cases where the victim was mistaken for game or was in the line of fire, which shall be considered to mean that the person who fired the shot could not possibly have seen the victim or perceived his movements, and accidental discharge of a firearm in the hands of another while legally hunting.

All payments under the provisions of this section shall be made from the insurance fund of the department of inland fisheries and game, which fund shall be created and maintained by adding to the cost of each hunting license, each combination hunting and fishing license, and each guide's license the sum of \$1.

No payments shall be made under the provisions of this section unless the shooting shall have been investigated by a member of the warden service of the department of inland fisheries and game and certified to the commissioner by the investigating warden and the chief warden as having occurred either by being mistaken for game, in line of fire, or accidental discharge of a firearm in the hands of another, while legally hunting.

All expenses of administration of the provisions of this section shall be chargeable to the insurance fund herein created.'