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House of Representatives, February 1, 1951

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Special Dog Training and Field Trial Areas.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 98, amended. Section 98 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 98. Training of dogs. Except as provided in section 98-A, it ~~is~~ shall be lawful to train dogs on foxes, raccoons and rabbits from September 1st to the following October 15th, inclusive, in each calendar year, providing the dogs are under the personal supervision of the owner or trainer at all times.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 98-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 98-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 98-A. Special dog training areas. Upon application of any club or organization having 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the state for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application, and the payment of a fee of \$10, the department may issue a license authorizing the establishment and maintenance by such club or organization on land owned by them, or over which they have legal control,

of a special dog training area wherein and whereon dogs may be trained at any time during the year. No such dog training area shall be of less than 100 acres, nor of more than 400 acres, nor shall licenses be issued for more than 4 special dog training areas in any one county.

The department may from time to time during each year stock pieces of game and shall charge the licensees a reasonable price therefor. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing licensees to liberate on such area any wild bird or quadruped coming from without the state. The licensee may at any time during the year train their own dogs or the dogs of other persons on such area. Any person not a licensee may do likewise, by making application in writing to licensee and receiving a permit to do so, for which a charge of not to exceed \$1.10 may be made, of which amount \$1 shall be paid to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game. Failure of a licensee to make reasonable provision for the use of such area by persons not licensee shall be deemed sufficient grounds for the department to deny a renewal of license. No person shall hunt on a licensed dog training area except the owner of the lands who may hunt unprotected birds and quadrupeds only. The department may make rules regulating the use of such areas.

The boundary line of such special dog training area shall be plainly and conspicuously posted prior to October 1st of each year with legible notices at least 11 inches square, placed not more than 100 yards apart which shall bear the following warning:

“SPECIAL DOG TRAINING FIELD TRAIL AREA—HUNTING AND TRAPPING IS UNLAWFUL. This land is set aside under special license for the training of dogs and the holding of field trials. Entering hereon for the purpose of hunting or permitting dogs to enter without proper authorization is prohibited. (Name and address of licensee to be printed on notice.)”

The licensees may hold field trials at any time on such area or permit in writing others to hold such trials thereon under such conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon.

No person shall train a dog, hold a field trial, enter accompanied by a dog, or permit a dog of which he is the owner or trainer to enter upon an area licensed and posted as provided in this section, except as provided herein.’