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House of Representatives, February 23, 1951

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT Prohibiting Possession of Lights in Woods While in Possession
of Firearms.**

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

R. S., c. 33, § 85-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 85-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 85-A. Lights prohibited with firearms; penalty. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or cast the rays of any artificial light on any field, woodland or forest while having in his possession or under his control a firearm or other implement whereby any wild animal could be killed, even though such animal be not shot at, injured or killed, said firearm or other implement not being securely wrapped and tied or in a case.

The possession or use of such lights with a firearm, or in collaboration with another person or persons carrying a firearm, shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this section; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the use of lights for hunting skunks and raccoons as provided in section 97.

No person shall have in his possession at any time any wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of the provisions of this section, except as provided in section 97. Any person convicted of a violation under the provisions of this section shall be punished for the 1st offense by a fine of not less than \$100 and costs, nor more than \$200 and costs, which fine and costs shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 60 days in jail at the discretion of the court; and for a 2nd or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than \$200 and costs, nor more than \$400 and costs, and 60 days in jail, which fine, costs and jail sentence shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 60 days in jail at the discretion of the court.'