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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jewett of Bucksport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Propagating Wild Rabbits.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 11, amended. The 6th paragraph of section 11 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'The commissioner may issue permits to any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of propagating game birds, game or wild animals, **or wild rabbits on islands surrounded by open water all year** under such regulations as he shall establish. He may issue to any person, firm or corporation permit to fence in or enclose land for the above-named purpose, **except that such permit may be issued without fencing or enclosing land in the case of islands used to propagate rabbits.** When it appears that such application is made in good faith, and upon the payment of an annual fee of \$10, said commissioner may issue to the applicant a breeder's license permitting the breeding and rearing of any species of game birds or wild animals within such enclosure **or on such island.** Such licensed breeders may at any time sell, transport, or kill and sell, and any licensed person, firm or corporation, resident of the state of Maine, may purchase, have in possession, or transport any game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, or the skins thereof, raised by virtue of the provisions of this section, under

such regulations as said commissioner may establish. No person shall engage in the business of breeding or rearing any game birds or game or furbearing animals at any time without first having procured a breeder's license as provided in this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 95, amended. Section 95 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'The provisions of this section shall not apply to the propagation of wild hares or rabbits on islands surrounded by open water all year.'