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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 435

S. P. 183 In Senate, February 3, 1955. Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Hunting of Woodcock.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 85, amended. Section 85 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 85. Federal regulations on migratory game birds to govern; open season on partridge and pheasants. No person shall hunt or have in his possession any eagle, Hungarian partridge or capercailzie, cock of the woods or any black game, sharp-tailed grouse or bob-white quail.

There shall be a closed season on partridge or grouse and pheasant from November 16th to September 30th of the following year, both days inclusive, and no person shall, during the open season, have in possession in any one day more than 4 partridge or 2 pheasants or not more than 4 partridge and pheasants in the aggregate, or in any one open season for partridge or grouse more than 25 partridge or 12 pheasants, nor shall any person at any time buy or sell any partridge, grouse or pheasant; provided further, that there shall be a closed season on pheasants within the following described territory until September 30, 1958: All of Penobscot county north of the Canadian Pacific railroad tracks, running from Megantic to Mattawamkeag and Maine Central railroad tracks running from Mattawamkeag to Vanceboro. No person shall have in possession any partridge or pheasants taken in closed season.

There shall be an annual open season on woodcock from October 1st to October 31st, both days inclusive, and during the open season no person shall take or kill more than 4 woodcock in any + day or have more than 8 in possession at any + time.

Except as provided in this section it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, buy or sell any migratory game bird at any time; but it shall not be deemed to be a violation of this chapter to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof at the times, in the manner and numbers, and by the means specifically permitted by regulations adopted and approved pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (Act of Congress approved July 3, 1918).