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NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 227

S. P. 97 In Senate, January 29, 1957. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Sunday Hunting.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 76, repealed and replaced. Section 76 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following section enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 76. Sunday closed to hunting of deer and bear. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer and bear on Sunday. Game birds and small game animals may be lawfully hunted on Sunday during the prescribed open season thereon with shotguns only, and with shot shells containing pellets, not larger than No. 2. Use or possession of shot shells containing pellets larger than size No. 2 shall be prima facie evidence of hunting protected wild animals. Possession of firearms other than the above described in the fields and forests or on the waters or ice of this State on Sunday shall be prima facie evidence of illegal Sunday hunting, unless such firearm is carried, securely wrapped in a complete cover, fastened in a case or carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it cannot be fired unless the separate pieces are joined together again. For the purpose of this section, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of such firearm.'