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In Senate, February 7, 1957.

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.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Establishment of Game Management Areas.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 17, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 17 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The Commissioner is authorized to regulate hunting, fishing and trapping on game management areas ~~owned or leased by the State~~ and is authorized to close such areas to hunting, fishing and trapping or to permit the taking of any species which he shall designate for such periods, on such portions of the areas, and under such special regulations as are necessary to insure a desirable effect on game populations and provide for human safety. When game management areas are bordered by tidal flats such authority shall extend to the low-water mark on said flats.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 17, amended.** The 3rd paragraph of section 17 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘~~Fur bearers~~ **On department-owned lands, the Commissioner may harvest and sell natural products of the land, including hay, timber and Christmas trees, and fur bearers** may be removed from said game management areas by controlled trapping conducted under the direction of the Commissioner in which case the furs shall become the property of the State and the proceeds from their sale shall be used for maintenance of the game management areas.’

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 17-A, additional.** Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 17-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 17-A. Game Management Areas on privately-owned lands. The Commissioner is authorized to regulate hunting, fishing and trapping on Game Management Areas which may be established on privately-owned lands by legislative action.'**