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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Briggs of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Open Season on Moose.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 90, amended. The 1st sentence of section 90 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'No person shall hunt, kill or have in his possession any caribou or moose, or parts thereof, **except as provided in section 90-A;** ~~provided that no~~ No person who has legally killed a caribou or moose beyond the limits of this State shall have in his possession or import such caribou or moose, or parts thereof, into this State, unless he has obtained a permit from the Commissioner to import such caribou or moose, or parts thereof, for the purpose of consumption or for mounting, but not for sale.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 90-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 90-A, to read as follows :

'**Sec. 90-A. Hunting of moose; licenses.** There shall be an open season on moose on the 6 days immediately following the first Sunday in November during the calendar years 1957 and 1958. No resident or nonresident over 16 years of age shall hunt or have in possession moose or parts thereof, except in accordance with the following provisions:

I. No resident or nonresident shall hunt or have in his possession moose or parts thereof, without first having procured from the Commissioner a written license which shall be kept upon the person while hunting or transporting such

moose, or parts thereof, and shall be exhibited to any warden, employee of the Department or guide, upon request.

II. Licenses to hunt moose may be issued by the Commissioner to any resident or nonresident, provided the total number of such licenses issued shall not exceed 1,000 for each season. Of the 1,000 licenses so issued, 880 shall be issued to residents and 120 shall be issued to nonresidents. The Commissioner may reduce the total number of licenses provided for the 1958 season if he finds that existing conditions or practices endanger the conservation of moose and deems such a reduction necessary. If the Commissioner reduces the total number of licenses authorized for the 1958 season, those licenses issued shall be apportioned between residents and nonresidents in the same ratio as applies to the distribution of the authorized total.

III. Applications for licenses to hunt moose shall be made in writing to the Commissioner upon application blanks furnished by the Commissioner. Application blanks and licenses shall be in such form as the Commissioner shall designate. Applications for licenses by residents shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10.25; applications for licenses by nonresidents shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.25. All applications made shall be in the office of the Commissioner on or before the 3rd day of September of each year. As soon as practicable thereafter, the Commissioner shall draw at random from all applications received, the names of 880 residents and 120 nonresidents to whom such licenses shall be issued. The fees received from all other applicants for such licenses shall be returned by the Commissioner following such drawing.

IV. Licensees killing a moose during either season shall show the same to a **game warden**. If it appears to the warden that the killing was lawful and that the person's license is in proper form, he shall attach to the moose a metal seal furnished by the Commissioner and obtain from the licensee such other information as the Commissioner may direct. Except as provided in this section, all other provisions relating to the registration and transportation of moose shall be the same as set forth for deer in section 91, 100, 102, 103, 104 and 105.

V. Any person in lawful possession of a moose and desiring to give away parts thereof, shall report the same in writing to the Commissioner, setting forth the names and addresses of all proposed donees of such parts. Upon receiving said report, the Commissioner shall issue a permit to the persons named therein which shall entitle such persons to lawfully possess said parts.'