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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Careless Shooting of Human Beings While Hunting.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 146, amended. Section 146 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 146. Penalties for carelessly shooting human beings while engaged in hunting. Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly shoots and wounds, or kills any human being, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than \$0 years 11 months. The hunting license of any such person convicted under the provisions of this section shall be immediately revoked by the Commissioner upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records and such person shall not thereafter be eligible privileged to procure a hunting license; provided however that such license shall not be revoked pending appeal. Persons convicted of negligently and carelessly shooting and wounding a human being while hunting in another state shall not be issued a license to hunt in this State.

Any person whose hunting license has been revoked upon conviction of violating the provisions of this section may, after the expiration of I year from the date of such revocation, petition the Commissioner for restoration of his privilege to procure such a license. The Commissioner, after hearing and after his determination that public safety will not be endangered by the restoration to the petitioner of such privilege, may restore the same. If the Commissioner disallows such a petition and thereby refuses to grant the restoration of such

privilege, the petitioner may appeal to the Commissioner's Advisory Council which, after hearing on said petition, may allow the same and restore such privilege.'