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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 236.

An Act for the Protection of Shore Birds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

License re-
quired for
hunting shore
birds within
certain towns
and counties.

It shall be unlawful for any person not a bona fide resident of this state, and actually domiciled therein, to hunt, pursue, chase, or kill within the limits of Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Sagadahoc counties, and the towns of Brunswick, Harpswell and Freeport in the county of Cumberland, any teal, ducks, sea or shore birds without first having procured a license therefor as hereinafter provided. Such licenses shall be issued by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, upon application in writing and the payment of five dollars, and under such rules and regulations to be established by them, and approved by the governor and council, as may be required to carry out the true intent of this act and not inconsistent herewith. All money received for such licenses shall be forthwith paid to the state treasurer, and then expended by the commissioners in the protection of the birds in the counties and towns above named under the direction of the governor and council.

--licenses.
how issued
and obtained.

--license fees
be paid
to state
treasurer.

--penalty for
violation.

Whoever is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Chapter 237.

An Act to regulate the use of Automobiles and Motor Vehicles upon Public Ways.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Rate of speed
of automo-
biles regu-
lated.

Section 1. No automobile or motor vehicles shall be driven, operated, or caused to be driven or operated, upon any highway, town way, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, at a greater rate of speed than fifteen miles an hour, or upon any highway, town way, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, within the compact or built up portions of any city, town or village, the limits of which shall be fixed by the municipal officers thereof, at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour, except where such city or town may by ordinance or by-law permit a greater rate of speed.

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Section 2. No person driving or in charge of an automobile or motor vehicle on any highway, townway, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, shall drive the same at any speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way by others, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person; and racing any such vehicle on any such ways or parks is hereby forbidden.

Rate of speed of automobiles shall be reasonable and proper.

Section 3. Every person driving or operating an automobile or motor vehicle shall at request and signal by putting up the hand, or by other visible signal, from a person riding or driving a horse or horses or other domestic animals, cause such vehicle to come to a stop as soon as possible and to remain stationary so long as may be necessary to allow such animal or animals to pass.

Shall stop on request of person driving horses or other domestic animals.

Section 4. Every such automobile or motor vehicle shall have attached thereto a suitable bell or other appliance for giving notice of its approach, which, when rung or otherwise operated, may be heard at a distance of three hundred feet; and shall also carry a lighted lamp between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

Automobile shall have bell.

Section 5. Municipal officers of any city or town may designate places on any streets or ways therein, where, in their judgment, by reason of cliffs, embankments or other exceptional natural conditions, the meeting of automobiles or motor vehicles and horses would be attended with unusual danger. Such designation shall be made by causing the words "automobiles—go slow" to be conspicuously displayed on signboards at the right hand side of each approach to the place to be designated, and not more than one hundred and fifty feet distant therefrom; and an automobile or motor vehicle, before meeting any horse between such limits, shall be brought to a standstill, and shall not proceed, unless by request of the rider or driver of the horse, until such horse shall have passed; and no such vehicle shall pass any place so designated at a greater speed than four miles an hour.

Municipal officers may designate places where meeting with horses would be attended with unusual danger.

—sign boards to be displayed.

Section 6. The violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days.

Penalty for violation of this act.