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Chapter 233.

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An Act to Repeal Section Twenty-four and Amend Section Twenty-five of Chapter Three of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Thirty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Five, Relating to the Printing of the Reports of the State Departments.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-four of chapter three of the Revised Statutes and all amendments thereof are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section twenty-five of chapter three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred thirty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred five, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

'Section 25. The reports, catalogues and compilations of all state departments, commissions and institutions may be printed and bound, but the number and the styles in which the same shall be so printed and bound, at the expense of the State, shall be determined from time to time by the Governor and Council, who shall also fix the number of the same which shall be delivered from the bindery or printing office to the Librarian of the State Library; but the number of reports of any department shall not exceed the limit fixed by law for said department.'

Sec. 24 of Ch. 3, R. S., repealed.

Ch. 3, Sec. 25, R. S., amended.

Governor and Council shall determine number and style of all state reports.

-shall not exceed limit fixed by law.

Approved March 30, 1915.

Chapter 234.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-six of Chapter Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, Relating to the Registration of Guides.

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

Section fifty-six of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 56. No person shall engage in the business of guiding, either for inland fishing or forest hunting, until he shall have filed with the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game a certificate and affidavit signed by the municipal officers, or a majority thereof, of the town or plantation within which the applicant resides, or, if the applicant is a resident of an unorganized place, a certificate and affidavit signed by the municipal officers, or a majority thereof, of the nearest town or planta-

Ch. 32, Sec. 56, R. S., as amended by Ch. 206, P. L. 1913, further amended.

Shall file certificate and affidavit with Inland Fish and Game Commissioners.

Name, age and residence to be recorded before receivcate of registration.

-penalty.

Registered. guide shail report to Commissioners as requested.

-nenalty for refusing to report.

Registration shall be as herein provided.

-unfit applicants not to be registered.

-fee for registra-

Qualifications for receiving certificate of registration for general guides.

CHAP. 234 tion, setting forth in substance that the applicant is a person of good moral character and sobriety, and is deemed by them to be a suitable person to receive a certificate as a guide, and until he has caused his name, age and residence to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose by said commissioners and has procured a certificate from said commissioners, setting forth in substance that he is deemed suitable to act as a guide, either for inland fishing or forest hunting or both, as the case may be. under a penalty of fifty dollars and costs for each offense. Each registered guide shall, from time to time, as often as requested by the Commissioners, forward, on blanks furnished him by the Commissioners, a statement of the number of persons he has guided in inland fishing and forest hunting during the time called for in said statement, the number of days he has been employed as a guide, and such other useful information relative to inland fish and game, forest fires, and the preservation of the forests in the localities where he has guided. as the Commissioners may deem of importance to the State, under a penalty of fifty dollars for unreasonably or wilfully refusing to comply with these requirements.

Such registration shall be as follows: The applicant shall apply in writing or personally to the Commissioners for registration, or to some person designated by the Commissioners, setting forth in his application whether he desires to be registered as a general or local guide; and the Commissioners shall, as soon thereafter as may be, register such person as a guide in such class as they shall deem proper, after such investigation as they shall deem proper; but said Commissioners may refuse to register any applicant whom they may deem unfit to be a guide, and may, for cause shown, after due notice and hearing, cancel any registration by them made, and may advance anyone from the local class to the general class, whenever they shall deem such person qualified to be a general guide. A fee of one dollar shall be paid annually for the registration as herein provided.

No person shall receive a certificate as a general guide unless he be at least twenty years of age, of good repute, and friendly to the inland fish and game laws, and will discountenance in all proper ways all violations thereof. He shall be thoroughly competent to traverse the hunting grounds in which he is licensed to guide and shall be skilled in the use, management, and handling of such boats or canoes, on lake, pond, or river, as are used in the territory in which he is authorized to guide, and shall be a safe person under all circumstances to be a guide for inland fishing and forest hunting parties. A person may receive a certificate as a local guide who does not, in the judgment of the Commissioners, possess all the necessary qualifications of a general guide, yet is deemed suitable to act as such under certain conditions; and guides may be restricted in the territory in which they are permitted to guide. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game may, in their discretion, license as guides such non-residents as reside in territory contiguous to the State under such conditions as are herein provided for the registration of resident guides; the fee for such non-resident guide license shall be twenty dollars.

Whenever a guide registered, as provided in this section, violates any of the inland fish and game laws, the Commissioners may, at their discretion, cancel his certificate of registration and strike his name from the list of registered guides; but such person may thereafter be registered again at the discretion of the Commissioners. Any certificate cancelled by virtue of this section shall be immediately returned to the Commissioners, under a penalty of fifty dollars for refusal or neglect to comply with this requirement.'

Approved March 30, 1915.

Chapter 235.

An Act to Provide for the Granting of Lobster Licenses and Giving State-wide Jurisdiction to Wardens,

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

Section 1. Fish wardens and deputy wardens shall be held to be officers with all the powers of sheriffs, within the meaning of that term as used in the general law, and shall have jurisdiction and authority in all the counties of the State, and in all waters within the jurisdiction of the State, and may enforce any provisions of this act or any other act relating to the lobster industry, either with or without a warrant, but shall obtain a warrant thereafter within twenty-four hours.

Section 2. No person, firm or corporation, either by themselves as principal or by their servants or agents, shall, at any time, catch, take, hold, buy, ship, transport, carry, give away, remove, sell or expose for sale, or have in his or its possession, except for the immediate consumption of himself and family, any lobster from any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this State, or place, set, keep, maintain, supervise, lift, raise or draw in or from any of said waters, or caused to be placed, set, kept, maintained, supervised, lifted, raised or drawn in from any of said waters any pot, trap, trawl, car, boat, smack, vessel or

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-certiucates for local guides

Registration of nonresidents.

-fee of non-resi-

Penalty for refusal to return cancelled certificate.

Fish wardens shall have powers equal to sheriff.

-may enforce law without warrant.

Lobster fishermen must be licensed.

Persons purchasing lobsters and holding or transporting for sale shall be licensed.