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loons and blue herons are not included among the birds herein protected; and for the purposes of this chapter the following only shall be considered game birds: The anatidæ commonly known as swans, geese, brant, and river and sea ducks; the rallidæ, commonly known as rails, coots, and gallinules; the limicolæ, commonly known as shore birds, plovers, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sandpipers, tatlors, and curlews; the gallinæ, commonly known as wild turkeys, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges and quails. Nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to affect in any way the protection of game birds as provided in sections fifty-four and fifty-five. Provided, however, that the commissioner of inland fisheries and game shall have authority upon complaint that protected wild birds, under extraordinary conditions, have become seriously injurious to agriculture or other interests in any particular community, after thorough investigation, to grant permits to kill such birds. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of five dollars and costs, for each offense, and an additional five dollars for each bird, living or dead, or part of a bird, or nest or egg, possessed in violation of this section, or be imprisoned for ten days.'

Approved March 12, 1919.

Chapter 62.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty-three of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapters Two Hundred and Nineteen and Two Hundred and Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Protection of Game Birds.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 55, 1917, am. § 55, 1917, c. 244; relating to the protection of game birds, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters two hundred and nineteen and two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 55. Duration of open season on partridge and woodcock in Androscoggin, York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Kennebec counties decreased to month of October for period of two years. There shall be an annual closed season for ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, spruce partridge, woodcock, all varieties of wild ducks, brant, geese, plover, snipe, sora and other rails, coots and gallinules, as follows: On partridge and woodcock, above-named, from the first day of December of each year to the thirtieth day of September of the following year, both days inclusive, except that for a period of two years from October first nineteen hundred and nineteen the closed season on partridge and woodcock in the counties of Androscoggin, York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Knox,

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Lincoln, Waldo and Kennebec, shall be from the first day of November of each year to the thirtieth day of September of the following year, both days inclusive, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession at any time any partridge or woodcock, except as hereinafter provided. On all varieties of ducks, brant and geese and on coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson snipe, from the first day of January of each year to the fifteenth day of the following September, both days inclusive; on black-breasted and golden plover and greater and lesser yellowlegs, from the first day of December of each year to the fifteenth day of August of the following year, both days inclusive; on rails (except coots and gallinules) from the first day of December of each year to the thirty-first day of August of the following year, both days inclusive, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-named birds except as hereinafter provided; provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy or have in possession at any time, any curlew, wood duck, swans, or any shore birds except black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater or lesser yellowlegs; and no person shall, during the respective open seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one day more than five partridge or ruffed grouse, ten woodcock, ten ducks, five plover and ten snipe; nor shall any person at any time buy or sell any of the above-named birds; nor shall any person or corporation carry or transport from place to place any of the birds mentioned in this section in closed season (except that a person shall have a reasonable time after the beginning of closed season to transport, as hereinafter provided, to his home, game birds legally killed by him in open season), nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled with owner's name and residence, and accompanied by him, unless tagged with a transportation tag as hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or corporation carry or transport in any one day more than ten ducks, five plover, ten snipe, five partridges and ten woodcock, as the property of one person. Provided, however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this state who has purchased a transportation tag therefor of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and paid five dollars for the same, to take with him out of the state five partridges or ten ducks or ten woodcock, which he himself has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds being transported by virtue of this paragraph. Provided, further, that any citizen of this state who has lawfully in his possession, one pair of either of the birds named in this section, may send the same anywhere in this state without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag, paying therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said tag to the pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall under any of the provisions of this paragraph

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send as aforesaid more than one pair of game birds once in seven days. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for each bird of the above-named varieties taken, caught, killed, had in possession or transported in violation hereof.'

Approved March 12, 1919.

Chapter 63.

An Act to Amend Section Four of Chapter Two Hundred and Seventeen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Carrying of Dangerous Weapons Without a License.

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

1917, c. 217, § 4; relating to penalty for carrying dangerous or deadly weapons without a license, amended. Section four of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word "less" in the second line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'more', so that the said section, amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 4. **Maximum penalty \$100 or ninety-day jail sentence.** Whoever violates the provisions of this law shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or confined in the county jail for a period not exceeding ninety days.'

Approved March 12, 1919.

Chapter 64.

An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to Group the Various Bureaus and Lines of Work in the Department of Agriculture into Divisions.

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

Commissioner of agriculture to group bureaus into divisions; appropriations to be made for each division. The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to group the various bureaus and lines of work in the department of agriculture into divisions, to be known as divisions of animal industry, plant industry, markets, inspection, and administration. Appropriations made for the various bureaus and other lines of work in a division and any other funds available for the same purpose, shall be credited to that division. Hereafter, appropriations shall be made for each division, instead of separate appropriations for the several bureaus and lines of work.

Approved March 14, 1919.