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Chapter 194.

An Act for the Protection of Black Bass in the Inland Waters of the State.

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

Sec. 1. Closed time on black bass established. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, take, catch or kill any black bass in any lake, pond or river in the state from the first day of October of each year until the twentieth day of June of the following year, both days inclusive; provided, however, that in Crawford pond, in Knox county, and in Lake Megunticook, in Knox and Waldo counties, black bass may be taken with unbaited artificial flies, or fly fishing, or by trolling, so-called, from the time the ice is out of said Crawford pond and Lake Megunticook in the spring to the twentieth day of June of each year; provided, further, that in the brooks and streams of the state above tide water the annual closed season on black bass shall be from September sixteenth of each year until the twentieth day of June of the following year, both days inclusive. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any black bass taken in closed season or in violation of any other provision of this act.

Sec. 2. Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten dollars, nor more than thirty dollars, and costs, for each offense, and an additional penalty of one dollar for each black bass taken, caught, killed or had in possession in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction of offences granted to trial justices, police and municipal courts. Trial justices, police and municipal courts, within their respective counties, shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court and superior courts in all prosecutions arising under this act.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts, or parts of acts, relating to closed season on black bass, whether public, or private and special, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 195.

An Act Relating to Front Lights on Motor Vehicles and Tractors.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 68; relating to lights on motor vehicles and

trailers, amended. Section sixty-eight of chapter two hundred eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "wheels" in the first line of the second paragraph thereof the words 'other than a motorcycle' and by striking out the words "the right and left sides of" in lines one and two thereof; and by inserting after the word "lamps" in the second line of said paragraph the following words, 'one on the right side and one on the left side'; and by inserting after the word "stands" in line twenty of said paragraph the words 'and provided, further, that, at no time, shall the top of any main beam of light be higher than the headlight centers' and by adding at the end of said paragraph the following: 'For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation of its provisions if a front light or front lights of a motor vehicle projects the top of any main beam, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an approximately level stretch of highway, onto the body of a person or on a motor vehicle or any object, at a height greater than the distance of the centers of the front lights from the highway,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 68. Front lights limited to two, one on right and one on left side; top of main beam of light not to be higher than headlight centers; deemed a violation of law if top of main beam at 25 feet is higher than centers of headlamps. Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels shall be equipped with lamps and lights as provided in this act, of sufficient power and so adjusted and operated as to enable its operator to proceed with safety to himself and to other users of the ways under all ordinary conditions of highway and weather. Said lamps and lights shall conform to and operate in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the secretary, as provided in this act, and shall be lighted during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise; except as provided in section sixty-nine.

Every motor vehicle and tractor on wheels, other than a motorcycle, shall have mounted on the front thereof a pair of lamps, one on the right side and one on the left side, each of approximately equal candle-power; and every motorcycle shall have mounted on the front thereof one lamp. If any such vehicle is so mechanically constructed, governed or controlled that it cannot exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, it shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least fifty feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least twenty-five feet. If said vehicles can exceed a speed of fifteen miles per hour, then they shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candle-power

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to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level way at least two hundred feet directly ahead and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least one hundred feet; provided that no front lamp capable of furnishing more than four candle-power light shall be used if equipped with a reflector, unless so designed, equipped or mounted that no portion of the beam of light when projected seventy-five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall rise above a plane forty-two inches higher than and parallel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands; and provided, further, that, at no time, shall the top of any main beam of light be higher than the head-light centers; and provided, further, that no electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity than thirty-two candle-power shall be used, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, it shall be deemed to be a violation of its provisions if a front light or front lights of a motor vehicle projects the top of any main beam, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead of the motor vehicle, on an approximately level stretch of highway, onto the body of a person or on a motor vehicle or any object, at a height greater than the distance of the centers of the front lights from the highway.

Every trailer, when operated at night shall carry at the front of its left side one lamp capable of throwing a white light visible from both sides of such vehicle; excepting, however, small two-wheel trailers of one thousand pounds capacity or less, towed closely behind a motor vehicle, whose overall length, including towing vehicle and load, does not exceed thirty feet.

Every such motor vehicle, tractor and trailer, shall have on the rear thereof, and to the left of the axis thereof, one lamp capable of displaying a red light visible for a distance of at least one hundred feet behind such vehicle; provided that when a vehicle is used in conjunction with another vehicle or vehicles, only the last of such vehicles shall be required to carry such lamp. Every such motor vehicle, tractor and trailer shall carry a lamp illuminating with white light the rear registration plate of such vehicle so that the characters thereon shall be visible for a distance of at least fifty feet.'

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