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AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 126.

AN ACT Classifying Public Heating Companies as Public Utilities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 62, sec. 15, paragraph 26; relating to classification of public utilities, amended. Paragraph twenty-six of section fifteen of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said paragraph after the words "water company" the words 'public heating company,' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'The term "public utility" when used in this chapter includes every common carrier, gas company, electrical company, telephone company, telegraph company, water company, public heating company, wharfinger, and warehouseman, as those terms are defined in this section, and each thereof is hereby declared to be a public utility, and to be subject to the jurisdiction, control and regulation of the commission, and to the provisions of this chapter.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 62, sec. 15; relating to public heating companies, amended. Section fifteen of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'The term public heating company when used in this chapter includes every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing a plant for the purpose of selling heat to the general public, but shall not include any of the aforesaid corporations, persons, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever who sells heat to a limited number of individuals or corporations not in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000) square feet of direct radiation or its equivalent.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

Chapter 127.

AN ACT Classifying the Bear as a Game Animal.

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

R. S., c. 38, sec. 72; as amended by P. L. 1930, S. S., c. 368; further amended. Section seventy-two of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter three hundred sixty-eight of the public

laws of the special session of nineteen hundred thirty, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of sub-section (c) thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following:

'(c) **Black bear classified as a game animal.** The black bear is hereby classified as a game animal, with an open season thereof in each county of the state corresponding to the open season on deer; except that bear may be legally taken, in any town, plantation or unincorporated place where a bounty has been, or may be, declared under the provisions of section seventy-nine of this chapter.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

Chapter 128.

AN ACT to Establish a Game Preserve in the Towns of Readfield and Winthrop in Kennebec County.

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

Sec. 1. Game sanctuary in Kennebec county, established. No person shall at any time hunt, chase, kill, destroy or catch any wild bird, wild animal or fish in or upon the waters of Carleton Pond, so called, in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop in the county of Kennebec, or within the lands of the Augusta Water District adjacent to said pond and located in said towns of Readfield and Winthrop, now owned or which may be hereafter acquired by said district in furtherance of its chartered purposes; provided, however, that the penalty prescribed in the following section shall apply to only such lands as are or may be hereafter fenced, and provided further that nothing herein shall prevent the necessary uses of said Carleton Pond by the Augusta Water District.

Sec. 2. Penalty. Whosoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than three hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or by imprisonment for sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. It shall also be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to have in his possession at any time any wild bird or wild animal or fish or part thereof taken within the above named closed territory.

Approved March 31, 1931.