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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 274

### AN ACT Relating to Unlicensed Dogs.

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

R. S., c. 100, § 14, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 14 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The municipal officers of each city, town or plantation shall annually within 10 days from the 1st day of June issue a warrant, returnable on the 1st day of July following, to one or more police officers or constables, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. The said police officer or constable may, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due, and if the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition thereto the officer's fee of \$2, which the officer shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 275

### AN ACT Relating to Construction of Fishways.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 13, amended. The 1st sentence of the 5th paragraph of section 13 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'If any owner or occupant neglects or refuses to join in proportion to his interest therein in erecting, maintaining, repairing or altering such fishway so ordered and required, the other owners or occupants shall do so and shall have an action on the case against such delinquents for their proportion of the expense thereof; and if all owners and occupants refuse or neglect to do so, the Commissioner may do so and shall have an action on the case against all delinquents for their proportion of the expense thereof or the Commissioner may petition the Superior Court in equity, in term time or vacation, in the county where said dam or other artificial obstruction exists, to enforce any such order or to restrain any violation thereof.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 276

### AN ACT Relating to Powers and Duties of Special Administrators.

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

R. S., c. 154, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 56. Powers and duties. The special administrator shall collect all the goods, chattels and debts of the deceased, control and cause to be improved all his real estate, collect the rents and profits thereof and preserve them for the executor or administrator thereafter appointed; and for that purpose may maintain suits and sell such perishable and other goods as the judge orders; and shall have such powers to vote stock owned by the deceased as the deceased would have if living, at all corporation meetings, and the authority to sell and transfer any specific rights which may have accrued to the estate of said deceased as such stockholder and the judge may authorize and direct that the business of the deceased, in whole or in part shall, for a limited time to be determined by him, be carried on by such special administrator as a going business; pay the expenses of the funeral and last sickness and of his administration; debts preferred under the laws of the United States; public rates and taxes, and money due the State from the deceased; and pay to the widow or widower, if any, and if not, to the guardian of the children under 14 years of age, for their temporary support, such sums as the judge orders, having regard to the state and the amount of the property; and sums so paid to the widow, widower or guardian shall be deducted, if the estate is solvent, from the share of the widow, widower or children, but if insolvent, shall be considered by the judge in his allowance to them.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 277

### AN ACT Relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 149, amended. That part of section 149 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes which relates to Wells and York Game Preserve is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Wells and York Game Preserve: No person shall, except as herein provided, at any time, hunt, pursue, shoot at, molest or kill any wild animal or any game or wild bird within the following described territory situated in the towns of Wells and York in York county; beginning at a point on highway No. 1 where the ~~Agamenticus road~~ Josias River meets said highway No. 1 in the town of Wells, thence southwesterly along said ~~Agamenticus road~~ Josias River to the ~~logging road, so called~~ Maine Turnpike in the town of York, thence ~~westerly~~ and northerly along said ~~logging road~~ Maine Turnpike to the Ogunquit-North Berwick road, thence easterly along said Ogunquit-North Berwick road to highway No. 1 in the town of Wells, thence southerly along highway No. 1 to the point of beginning in the town of Wells. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild bird or wild animal taken in violation of any provision of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game from regulating the taking of fur-bearing animals and vermin thereon.'

Effective August 20, 1955