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CHAPTER 87**AN ACT to Increase Payments to Forestry Department for Forest Fire Protection in Baxter State Park.**

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

R. S., T. 12, § 901, amended. The 3rd sentence of the first paragraph of section 901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The authority shall make payments to the Forestry Department in lieu of taxes on the basis of the state-wide annual per acre expenditures for forest fire protection for the last fiscal year for all land within the Baxter State Park area.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 88**AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Licenses for Persons on Active Duty in the Armed Forces.**

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

R. S., T. 29, § 535, amended. The first sentence of section 535 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

On application to the Secretary of State, any ~~person~~ resident of Maine who is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States ~~in time of war or national emergency~~ and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this State shall receive a license without the requirement of the payment of any fee.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 89**AN ACT Relating to Field Trials for Sporting Dogs.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 3553, amended. Section 3553 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3553. Field trials for coon dogs

It shall be lawful to hold ~~bird dog or~~ coon dog field trials at any time. During the field trials permitted in this section, no person shall use any firearm other than a pistol loaded with blank ammunition.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 3554, amended. The first sentence of section 3554 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of \$10, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for ~~retrieving sporting~~ dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 3554-A, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3554-A to read as follows:

§ 3554-A. Field trials for sporting dogs

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of \$10, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds. A separate application shall be filed for each field trial proposed to be held by any such club or organization. Such license when issued shall authorize members of the licensee to shoot and kill with firearms, under supervision of a representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, game birds propagated or legally acquired by members of the licensee and released by members of the licensee at the field trial held at the time and place specified in such license, but only during the daylight hours and only with the consent of the owner of or person having legal control of the land on which such field trial is held. Before any game bird so shot is consumed or removed from the premises, a representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall attach a tag thereto. Such tag shall be furnished by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for a reasonable fee and shall remain attached to the bird until the same is prepared for consumption. Licensees shall pay the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for services of its representative at such field trials at the rate of \$15 per day. Persons participating in any such field trial pursuant to this section shall not be required to have hunting licenses. Game birds so released or shot pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be wild birds.

Sporting dogs as defined by the American Kennel Club are to include, pointers, retrievers, setters, spaniels, vizslas, weimaraners and wirehaired pointing griffons. •