

By Mr. Rolander of Worcester, petition of Victor E. Rolander for legislation to provide for the issuance of special sporting licenses authorizing the holders thereof to hunt only or to fish only. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

An Act providing for the Issuance of Special Sporting Licenses authorizing the Holders thereof to Hunt only or to Fish only.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section six of chapter one hundred
2 and thirty-one of the General Laws, as inserted by
3 section two of chapter three hundred and ninety-
4 three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, and
5 as amended by section one of chapter two hundred
6 and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and
7 thirty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out,
8 in the twelfth and thirteenth lines, the words "minor
9 between the age of fifteen and eighteen" and inserting
10 in place thereof the word:— person,— and by in-
11 serting after the word "only" in the thirteenth line
12 the words:—, and that a sporting license to hunt
13 only issued to a person shall authorize the licensee to
14 hunt only,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 6.*

15 Upon the application of any person entitled to re-
16 ceive a sporting or a trapping license and upon pay-
17 ment of the fee hereinafter specified therefor and the
18 furnishing of an affidavit by any non-resident desiring
19 to be classified under clause (2) of section eight, the
20 director or the clerk of any town shall issue to such
21 person a sporting license or a trapping license, as the
22 case may be, in the form prescribed upon a blank
23 furnished by the division. A sporting license shall
24 authorize the licensee to hunt birds and mammals and
25 to fish, subject to existing laws; provided, that a
26 sporting license to fish only issued to a person shall
27 authorize the licensee to fish only, and that a sporting
28 license to hunt only issued to a person shall authorize
29 the licensee to hunt only.

30 A trapping license shall authorize the licensee to
31 trap mammals, subject to existing laws. Each license
32 issued hereunder shall bear, in addition to any other
33 data, the name, place of residence, citizenship, birth-
34 place, signature and identifying description, and, in
35 the case of a male person, the age, of the licensee, a
36 statement that the holder has not been convicted
37 of a violation of this chapter or any provision thereof,
38 or of any corresponding provision of earlier laws, within
39 one year of the date of the license, and each applicant
40 shall furnish such information to the director or the
41 town clerk issuing such license. Each license shall
42 be valid for use to and including the following De-
43 cember thirty-first. No person holding a sporting or
44 trapping license shall transfer or loan such license,
45 and every holder thereof shall, while fishing, hunting
46 or trapping, carry upon his person his license and
47 shall produce it for examination upon the demand of
48 any warden, deputy warden or other officer qualified

49 to serve criminal process, or upon the demand of an
50 owner or lessee of land upon which the licensee is
51 fishing, hunting or trapping, or upon the demand of
52 the agents of such owner or lessee. Failure or refusal
53 to produce a license issued hereunder upon such de-
54 mand shall constitute a violation of this section.
55 Whoever for the purpose of procuring a license falsely
56 makes any representation or statement required by
57 this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less
58 than ten nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprison-
59 ment for not more than one month, or both.

1 SECTION 2. Section eight of said chapter one hun-
2 dred and thirty-one, as so inserted and as most re-
3 cently amended by section two of chapter four hun-
4 dred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred
5 and thirty-one, is hereby further amended by striking
6 out, in the eighth and ninth lines, the words “, or a
7 sporting license entitling the holder to fish only,” —
8 by inserting after the word “eighteen” in the tenth
9 line the words:—, a sporting license entitling the
10 holder to hunt only or a sporting license entitling the
11 holder to fish only, — by inserting after the word
12 “license” in the fifty-first line the words:— a sport-
13 ing license to hunt only, — and by inserting after the
14 word “cents” in the fifty-fourth line the words:—
15 and the fee for a sporting license to hunt only, or a
16 sporting license to fish only, issued to a person over
17 the age of eighteen, if he is a resident of this com-
18 monwealth for at least six months, shall be one dollar
19 and fifty cents, — so as to read as follows:— *Sec-*
20 *tion 8.* Sporting and trapping licenses shall be issued
21 to the following classes of persons upon payment of
22 the following fees:

23 (1) A citizen of the United States, resident in this
24 commonwealth for at least six months, for which the
25 fee shall be two dollars and seventy-five cents for a
26 sporting license and five dollars and twenty-five cents
27 for a trapping license except as hereinafter provided
28 for a trapping license to a minor between the ages of
29 fifteen and eighteen, a sporting license entitling the
30 holder to hunt only or a sporting license entitling the
31 holder to fish only, and except that there shall be no
32 fee for a sporting license if such person has reached
33 age seventy.

34 (2) A citizen of the United States, not a resident of
35 this commonwealth for at least six months, for which
36 the fee shall be ten dollars and twenty-five cents; but
37 if the state of which he is a resident or in which he
38 last resided requires a resident of this commonwealth
39 to pay a larger fee for a similar privilege in such state,
40 the fee for such a non-resident shall be equal to that
41 charged by such state. If such non-resident comes
42 within one of the four following classes and resides or
43 last resided in a state extending like privileges to
44 citizens of this commonwealth, the fee shall be three
45 dollars and twenty-five cents for a sporting license
46 and five dollars and twenty-five cents for a trapping
47 license: *Class A.* Owner of real estate in the com-
48 monwealth assessed for taxation at not less than five
49 hundred dollars. *Class B.* Member of any club or
50 association incorporated prior to nineteen hundred
51 and seven, for the purpose of hunting, fishing or
52 trapping upon land owned by such corporation; pro-
53 vided, that the land owned is equal in value to five
54 hundred dollars for each member and that the mem-
55 bership list of the corporation shall be filed from time
56 to time upon request, and at least annually, with the

57 clerks of the various towns within which such land
58 is located and with the director. *Class C.* Invited
59 guest of a club or association conducting fox hunts
60 and incorporated under the laws of this common-
61 wealth who, on the written invitation of a member
62 of said club or association, attends its meetings for
63 the sole purpose of hunting foxes; provided, that the
64 membership list of such club or association shall be
65 filed from time to time upon request, and at least
66 annually, with the clerk of the town where the hunt
67 takes place and with the director; also, a non-resident
68 member of any such club or association. *Class D.*
69 A citizen of the United States, not a resident of this
70 commonwealth for at least six months, who desires
71 to fish only.

72 (3) An unnaturalized foreign born person, resident
73 in this commonwealth for at least ten consecutive
74 days, provided that he is the owner of real estate in
75 the commonwealth assessed for taxation at not less
76 than five hundred dollars, for which the fee shall be
77 fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

78 The fee for a trapping license, a sporting license to
79 hunt only or a sporting license to fish only, issued to
80 a minor between the ages of fifteen and eighteen, if
81 he is a resident of this commonwealth for at least six
82 months, shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents, and
83 the fee for a sporting license to hunt only, or a sport-
84 ing license to fish only, issued to a person over the
85 age of eighteen, if he is a resident of this common-
86 wealth for at least six months, shall be one dollar and
87 fifty cents.

88 No person shall be granted a sporting or trapping
89 license unless he files with the town clerk or the di-
90 rector a written report upon blanks furnished by the

91 director stating the number of birds or mammals, if
92 any, taken by him in the preceding calendar year.
93 The town clerk shall on the first Monday of each
94 month forward such reports to the director.



