

Accompanying the fifth recommendation of the Commissioner of Conservation (House, No. 108). Conservation. Dec. 8, 1927.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act relative to the Issuance of Sporting and Trapping Licenses.

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 four of chapter one hundred
2 and thirty-one of the General Laws, as amended by
3 section two of chapter four hundred and sixty-seven
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and
5 by section three of chapter two hundred and ninety-
6 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-five,
7 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word
8 "town" in the fifth line the words:— or any agent
9 thereunto authorized by the director with the approval
10 of the comptroller,— so as to read as follows:—
11 *Section 4.* Upon the application of any person en-
12 titled to receive a sporting or a trapping license and
13 upon payment of the fee hereinafter specified therefor
14 and the furnishing of an affidavit by any non-resident
15 desiring to be classified under the clause entitled (2)
16 of section nine, the clerk of any town or any agent
17 thereunto authorized by the director with the approval
18 of the comptroller shall issue to such a person a sport-
19 ing license or a trapping license, as the case may be,

20 in the form prescribed upon a blank furnished by the
21 division. A sporting license shall authorize the li-
22 censee to hunt birds and quadrupeds and to fish,
23 subject to existing laws. A trapping license shall
24 authorize the licensee to trap quadrupeds, subject to
25 existing laws. Each license issued hereunder shall
26 bear the name, place of residence, signature and
27 identifying description, and, in the case of a male
28 person, the age, of the licensee, shall be valid for use
29 to and including the following December thirty-first,
30 shall not be transferable and shall be produced for
31 examination upon the demand of any authorized
32 person. Failure or refusal to produce a license issued
33 hereunder upon such demand shall be prima facie
34 evidence of the violation of sections three to fourteen,
35 inclusive.

1 SECTION 2. Section ten of said chapter one hun-
2 dred and thirty-one, as amended by section nine of
3 chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-four and by said chapter
5 two hundred and ninety-five, is hereby further
6 amended by inserting at the end thereof the words:—
7 No other person authorized to issue such a license
8 shall retain any portion of the fee therefor.

1 SECTION 3. Section twelve of said chapter one
2 hundred and thirty-one, as amended by section eleven
3 of said chapter two hundred and ninety-five, is hereby
4 further amended by inserting after the word "town"
5 in the second line the words:— and each agent
6 authorized under section four by the director to issue
7 licenses, — and by inserting after the word "clerk"
8 in the fifth line the words:— or, in the case of an
9 agent during such hours as are designated by the
10 director, — and by inserting after the word "clerk"

11 where it occurs in the seventh and in the thirteenth
12 lines in each instance the words:— and agent, — so
13 as to read as follows:— *Section 12.* The clerk of
14 every town and each agent authorized under section
15 four by the director to issue licenses shall record all
16 licenses in books kept therefor. These books shall be
17 supplied by the division, shall be the property of the
18 commonwealth, shall be open to public inspection
19 during the usual office hours of the clerk or, in the
20 case of an agent during such hours as are designated
21 by the director, and shall be subject at all times to
22 audit and inspection by the director, by the comp-
23 troller or by their agents. Every such clerk and
24 agent shall, on the first Monday of every month, pay
25 to the division all moneys received by him for licenses
26 issued during the month preceding, except the fees
27 retained under section ten. All remittances shall be
28 by check, United States post office money order,
29 express money order, or in lawful money of the
30 United States; and every such clerk and agent shall,
31 within thirty days next succeeding January first in
32 each year, return to the division all license books
33 received during the year preceding including all stubs
34 and void and unused licenses.

1 SECTION 4. Section seven of chapter twenty-one
2 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter one
3 hundred and forty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by add-
5 ing at the end thereof the words:— The director
6 may, subject to like approval and subject to the
7 approval of the comptroller, appoint and remove
8 agents authorized to issue sporting licenses or trapping
9 licenses who shall serve without compensation.

