

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1478

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1931.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to provide a special fishing license for certain minors (House, No. 417), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1478).

For the committee,

A. B. CASSON.

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

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An Act relative to Sporting Licenses authorizing Certain Minors to fish and to fix the Fee for Such 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 six of chapter one hundred  
2 and thirty-one of the General Laws, inserted by sec-  
3 tion two of chapter three hundred and ninety-three  
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, is hereby  
5 amended by inserting after the word "laws" in the  
6 tenth line the words: — ; provided, that a sporting  
7 license to fish only issued to a minor between the age  
8 of fifteen and eighteen shall authorize the licensee to  
9 fish only, subject to existing laws, — so as to read  
10 as follows: — *Section 6.* Upon the application of any  
11 person entitled to receive a sporting or a trapping  
12 license and upon payment of the fee hereinafter  
13 specified therefor and the furnishing of an affidavit  
14 by any non-resident desiring to be classified under  
15 clause (2) of section eight, the director or the clerk  
16 of any town shall issue to such person a sporting  
17 license or a trapping license, as the case may be, in  
18 the form prescribed upon a blank furnished by the  
19 division. A sporting license shall authorize the li-  
20 censee to hunt birds and mammals and to fish, subject

21 to existing laws; provided, that a sporting license to  
22 fish only issued to a minor between the age of fifteen  
23 and eighteen shall authorize the licensee to fish only,  
24 subject to existing laws. A trapping license shall  
25 authorize the licensee to trap mammals, subject to  
26 existing laws. Each license issued hereunder shall  
27 bear, in addition to any other data, the name, place  
28 of residence, citizenship, birthplace, signature and  
29 identifying description, and, in the case of a male  
30 person, the age, of the licensee, a statement that the  
31 holder has not been convicted of a violation of this  
32 chapter or any provision thereof, or of any corre-  
33 sponding provision of earlier laws, within one year  
34 of the date of the license, and each applicant shall  
35 furnish such information to the director or the town  
36 clerk issuing such license. Each license shall be valid  
37 for use to and including the following December thirty-  
38 first. No person holding a sporting or trapping li-  
39 cense shall transfer or loan such license, and every  
40 holder thereof shall, while fishing, hunting or trapping,  
41 carry upon his person his license and shall produce  
42 it for examination upon the demand of any warden,  
43 deputy warden or other officer qualified to serve  
44 criminal process, or upon the demand of an owner or  
45 lessee of land upon which the licensee is fishing, hunt-  
46 ing or trapping, or upon the demand of the agents of  
47 such owner or lessee. Failure or refusal to produce a  
48 license issued hereunder upon such demand shall con-  
49 stitute a violation of this section. Whoever for the  
50 purpose of procuring a license falsely makes any rep-  
51 resentation or statement required by this section, shall  
52 be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more  
53 than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not more  
54 than one month, or both.

1 SECTION 2. Section eight of said chapter one  
2 hundred and thirty-one, inserted by said section two  
3 of said chapter three hundred and ninety-three, is  
4 hereby amended by inserting after the word "license"  
5 in the eighth line the words: — , or a sporting license  
6 entitling the holder to fish only, — and by inserting  
7 after the word "license" in the fiftieth line the words:  
8 — , or a sporting license to fish only, — so as to read  
9 as follows:— *Section 8.* Sporting and trapping licenses  
10 shall be issued to the following classes of persons upon  
11 payment of the following fees:

12 (1) A citizen of the United States, resident in this  
13 commonwealth for at least six months, for which the  
14 fee shall be two dollars and seventy-five cents for a  
15 sporting license and five dollars and twenty-five  
16 cents for a trapping license, except as hereinafter  
17 provided for a trapping license, or a sporting license  
18 entitling the holder to fish only, to a minor between  
19 the ages of fifteen and eighteen, and except that there  
20 shall be no fee for a sporting license if such person has  
21 reached age seventy.

22 (2) A citizen of the United States, not a resident of  
23 this commonwealth for at least six months, for which the  
24 fee shall be ten dollars and twenty-five cents; or, if  
25 he comes within one of the four following classes and  
26 resides or last resided in a state extending like privi-  
27 leges to citizens of this commonwealth, the fee shall  
28 be three dollars and twenty-five cents for a sporting  
29 license and five dollars and twenty-five cents for a  
30 trapping license; but if the state of which he is a resi-  
31 dent requires a resident of this commonwealth to  
32 pay a larger fee for a similar privilege in such state,  
33 the fee for such a non-resident shall be equal to that

34 charged by such state. *Class A.* Owner of real  
35 estate in the commonwealth assessed for taxation at  
36 not less than five hundred dollars. *Class B.* Mem-  
37 ber of any club or association incorporated prior to  
38 nineteen hundred and seven, for the purpose of hunt-  
39 ing, fishing or trapping upon land owned by such  
40 corporation; provided, that the land owned is equal  
41 in value to five hundred dollars for each member and  
42 that the membership list of the corporation shall be  
43 filed from time to time upon request, and at least  
44 annually, with the clerks of the various towns within  
45 which such land is located and with the director.  
46 *Class C.* Invited guest of a club or association con-  
47 ducting fox hunts and incorporated under the laws  
48 of this commonwealth who, on the written invita-  
49 tion of a member of said club or association, attends  
50 its meetings for the sole purpose of huntingfoxes;  
51 provided, that the membership list of such club or  
52 association shall be filed from time to time upon  
53 request, and at least annually, with the clerk of the  
54 town where the hunt takes place and with the di-  
55 rector; also, a non-resident member of any such  
56 club or association. *Class D.* A citizen of the  
57 United States, not a resident of this commonwealth  
58 for at least six months, who desires to fish only.

59 (3) An unnaturalized foreign born person, resident  
60 in this commonwealth for at least ten consecutive  
61 days, provided that he is the owner of real estate in  
62 the commonwealth assessed for taxation at not less  
63 than five hundred dollars, for which the fee shall be  
64 fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

65 The fee for a trapping license, or a sporting license  
66 to fish only, issued to a minor between the ages of

67 fifteen and eighteen, if he is a resident of this com-  
68 monwealth for at least six months, shall be one dollar  
69 and twenty-five cents.

70 Each person licensed to hunt or trap shall within  
71 thirty days succeeding January first in each year make  
72 a written report to the director at the office of the  
73 division, stating the number of birds or mammals  
74 taken by him in the preceding calendar year, or  
75 stating that no such birds or mammals were so taken,  
76 as the case may be.



