HOUSE . . . No. 335

Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association that the issuance of combined fishing and hunting licenses be authorized. Fisheries and Game. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Licenses for Hunting and Fishing.

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. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish
- 2 in any fresh waters stocked with fish by the common-
- 3 wealth since January first, nineteen hundred and twelve,
- 4 when such waters are closed to fishing by the board of
- 5 commissioners of fisheries and game.
- 1 Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, except
- 2 women and minors under eighteen years of age, to fish in
- 3 the waters designated in section one at any time, whether
- 4 such waters are closed to fishing as aforesaid or not, un-
- 5 less such person holds a hunter's license or the permit
- 6 hereinafter described. This section shall not apply to
- 7 persons fishing on premises owned by them.

2 with fish by the commonwealth, when such waters are 3 not closed to fishing by the commissioners on fisheries 4 and game, may be issued by the clerk of any city or 5 town or by anyone so authorized by the board of com-6 missioners on fisheries and game, to any unnaturalized 7 foreign-born person resident in such city or town, or to 8 any citizen of another state temporarily resident in such 9 city or town, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar. 10 Such permits shall expire on the first day of January 11 following their issue, and shall become void if held by 12 any person convicted after the issue of any violation of 13 the fish or game laws. If the permit thus becomes void, 14 it shall be surrendered on demand of any officer au-15 thorized to enforce the fish and game laws.

1 Section 4. The provisions of section six of chapter 2 six hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen 3 hundred and eleven, and of section nine of said chapter, 4 as amended by chapter two hundred and twelve of the 5 General Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, 6 shall apply to all fees for permits issued under authority 7 of this act.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the board of com-2 missioners on fisheries and game annually to post in one 3 or more places contiguous to any fresh water that has 4 been stocked with fish by the commonwealth since Jan-5 uary first, nineteen hundred and twelve, a notice to that 6 effect. The same notice shall also be posted annually in 7 four or more public places in any city or town in which 8 the water is situated, and shall be filed in the office of the 9 clerk of the city or town.

- 1 Section 6. Any person violating any provision of 2 this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten 3 nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not 4 more than thirty days, or by both such fine and impris-
- 5 onment.
- 1 Section 7. This act shall take effect on the first 2 day of January, nineteen hundred and nineteen.