

# SENATE . . . . No. 392

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, March 21, 1919.

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to which were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 12) of Roland D. Sawyer that the open season for hunting partridge, quail, gray squirrels and woodcock be lengthened; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 929) of George M. Worrall relative to the open season for rabbits in the county of Bristol; and the bill relative to an open season for the hunting of ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits (House, No. 142, taken from the files of last year) reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 392).

For the committee,

FRANCIS PRESCOTT.

[Mr. COLLINS, of the House, dissents.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Hunting of Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock, Quail, Gray Squirrels, Hares and Rabbits.

*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 one of chapter two hun-  
2 dred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hun-  
3 dred and eleven, as amended by chapter two  
4 hundred and three of the acts of nineteen hundred  
5 and twelve, and by section one of chapter one  
6 hundred and seventy of the General Acts of  
7 nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further  
8 amended by striking out the words "first day of  
9 November and the thirtieth", in the first and  
10 second lines, and inserting in place thereof the  
11 words:—twentieth day of October and the  
12 twentieth,—and by striking out the words  
13 "except that in the counties of Berkshire, Frank-  
14 lin, Hampden and Hampshire, the open season  
15 on woodcock shall be from the twentieth day of  
16 October to the thirtieth day of November, both  
17 days inclusive", in the seventh, eighth, ninth and  
18 tenth lines,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.*

19 It shall be unlawful, excepting only between the  
20 twentieth day of October and the twentieth day  
21 of November of each year, both dates inclusive,  
22 to hunt, pursue, take or kill a ruffed grouse,  
23 commonly called partridge, or a woodcock, or to  
24 have the same, or any part thereof, in possession,  
25 whenever or wherever the same may have been  
26 taken or killed; and it shall be unlawful at any  
27 time to buy, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise dis-  
28 pose of a ruffed grouse or woodcock or any part  
29 thereof, whenever or wherever the same may have  
30 been taken or killed; and it shall be unlawful at  
31 any time to take or send or cause to be taken or  
32 transported beyond the limits of the common-  
33 wealth the above-named birds, or to have in  
34 possession any such bird with intent to take or  
35 cause the same to be taken out of the common-  
36 wealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section one of chapter three hun-  
2 dred and fifty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred  
3 and eleven, as amended by chapter two hundred  
4 and seventy of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 twelve, and by section two of said chapter one  
6 hundred and seventy, is hereby further amended  
7 by striking out the words "first day of November  
8 and the thirtieth", in the second line, and in-  
9 serting in place thereof the words: — twentieth  
10 day of October and the twentieth; by striking  
11 out the word "hereof", in the sixth and again  
12 in the twelfth lines and inserting in place thereof  
13 in each case the words: — of chapter five hun-

14 dred and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hun-  
 15 dred and twelve", — so as to read as follows: —  
 16 *Section 2.* It shall be unlawful excepting only  
 17 between the twentieth day of October and the  
 18 twentieth day of November of each year, both  
 19 dates inclusive, to hunt, pursue, take or kill a  
 20 quail or to have the same, or any part thereof,  
 21 in possession except as provided in sections two  
 22 and three of chapter five hundred and sixty-  
 23 seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and twelve;  
 24 and it shall be unlawful at any time to take or  
 25 send or cause to be taken or transported beyond  
 26 the limits of the commonwealth a quail which  
 27 was taken or killed within the commonwealth, or  
 28 to have in possession quail with intent to take or  
 29 cause the same to be taken out of the common-  
 30 wealth, except quail artificially propagated as  
 31 provided in section two of chapter five hundred  
 32 and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred  
 33 and twelve.

1 SECTION 3. Section one of chapter nine hun-  
 2 dred and seventy-two of the acts of nineteen  
 3 hundred and eleven, as amended by chapter two  
 4 hundred and seventy of the acts of nineteen hun-  
 5 dred and thirteen and by section three of said  
 6 chapter one hundred and seventy is hereby  
 7 further amended by striking out the words "first  
 8 day of November and the thirtieth", in the first  
 9 and second lines and inserting in place thereof  
 10 the words, — twentieth day of October and the  
 11 twentieth, — so as to read as follows: — *Sec-*

12 *tion 3.* It shall be unlawful, except only between  
13 the twentieth day of October and the twentieth  
14 day of November of each year, both days inclu-  
15 sive, to hunt, take or kill a gray squirrel, or to  
16 sell, or to offer for sale, or to have in possession  
17 for the purpose of sale, a gray squirrel, whenever  
18 taken or killed, or to take or kill at any time a  
19 gray squirrel by means of a trap, net or snare,  
20 or for the purpose of killing a gray squirrel to  
21 construct or set a trap, snare or net.

1 SECTION 4. Section one of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred  
3 and eleven, as amended by chapter one hundred  
4 and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 fourteen, and by section four of said chapter one  
6 hundred and seventy, is hereby further amended  
7 by inserting after the word "unlawful", in the  
8 first line, the words:—except as provided in  
9 chapters one hundred and ninety-six and two  
10 hundred and twenty-five of the General Acts of  
11 nineteen hundred and seventeen, — by inserting  
12 after the words "hare or", in the second line,  
13 the word:—a, — by striking out the words  
14 "first day of March and the thirty-first day of  
15 October", in the second and third lines, and  
16 inserting in place thereof the words:—twentieth  
17 day of October and the first day of the following  
18 January, — by inserting after the words "hare  
19 or", in the fourth line, the word:—a, — by  
20 striking out the words "said period", in the fifth  
21 line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—

22 closed season, — so that the section as amended  
23 shall read as follows: — *Section 4.* It shall be  
24 unlawful, except as provided in chapters one  
25 hundred and ninety-six and two hundred and  
26 twenty-five of the General Acts of nineteen hun-  
27 dred and seventeen, to hunt, take, or kill a hare  
28 or a rabbit between the twentieth day of October  
29 and the thirty-first day of the following January,  
30 both days inclusive, or to buy or sell or offer for  
31 sale a hare or a rabbit taken or killed during the  
32 closed season in this commonwealth, or taken or  
33 killed at any time contrary to the laws of any  
34 other state or country. But any person may  
35 buy or sell hares or rabbits at any time provided  
36 that they were not taken or killed contrary to  
37 the laws of this commonwealth or of any other  
38 state or country.