

HOUSE No. 1959

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 13, 1912.

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 175) of George B. Clark and another for legislation to better protect partridge, quail and woodcock during the nesting season, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JEROME S. SMITH.

Mr. BARTLETT of Plymouth, of the House, dissents.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To provide for protecting Game Birds and Quadrupeds
from Dogs.

*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 owner,
2 lessee or custodian of any "self-hunting" dog to permit
3 such a dog to run at large in the woods or fields in-
4 habited by game birds or quadrupeds between April
5 fifteenth and June thirtieth, both dates inclusive. For
6 the purpose of this act, dog shall be considered a "self-
7 hunting" dog after having been found running at large
8 and hunting in woods or fields inhabited by game birds
9 or quadrupeds, unaccompanied by the owner, lessee or
10 custodian of said dog and further, that said owner,
11 lessee or custodian shall have been so notified in writing
12 by the fish and game commission.

1 SECTION 2. If, after the owner, lessee or custodian
2 of such a dog has been notified, as provided above, the
3 dog is again found running at large and hunting in the
4 covers above described, it shall be a presumption of law

5 that such running and hunting was with the knowledge
6 and consent of the said owner, custodian or lessee, unless
7 the contrary is shown by evidence.

1 SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person or
2 persons to molest, harass or annoy any game bird or
3 quadruped by breaking, training or practising any dog
4 upon them between April fifteenth and June thirtieth,
5 inclusive.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever violates the provisions of this
2 act shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dol-
3 lars nor more than twenty dollars.

