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CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to provide for search and seizure of fish and game caught, taken or killed or had in possession contrary to law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Proceedings for warrant to search and seize; duty of officer serving. SECTION 1. Upon complaint made to any magistrate authorized to issue warrants in criminal cases, by any person that he knows or has good reason to believe that any fish, venison, fowl or game caught, taken or killed or had in possession contrary to the provisions of law relative to fish and game is concealed in any particular house or place, he shall examine such complainant on oath, reduce his complaint to writing describing as particularly as may be the place where said fish, venison, fowl or game is alleged to be concealed and cause the same to be subscribed by the person complaining. If it appears to such magistrate that there is proper cause to believe that such fish, venison, fowl or game so caught, taken or killed or had in possession contrary to law, is concealed in such house or place he shall immediately issue his warrant reciting therein the substance of the complaint and containing a description of the premises described therein and requiring the officer to whom it shall be directed forthwith to search such premises and seize any such fish, venison, fowl or game described in the complaint and to bring the same, when found, and the person in whose possession the same shall be found, before the magistrate who issued the warrant or before some other magistrate or court having cognizance of the case. The officer executing such warrant shall state in his return as particularly as may be the property seized, which shall be safely kept by the direction of the court or magistrate so long as shall be necessary for the purpose of being used as evidence on any trial and as soon as may be afterward all such fish, venison, fowl or game so caught, taken or killed or had in possession contrary to the provisions of law relative to fish and game, shall under the direction of the court or magistrate, be sold and disposed of as contraband in accordance with the provisions of section 1498k of the statutes of 1898.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 6, 1901.