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**PROVISIONS GRANTING GENERAL AUTHORITY  
REGARDING GAME BIRDS AND OTHER WILD BIRDS**

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July 1, 2010

## SECTION 1 OF THE ACT OF MAY 25, 1900

[Chapter 553, Approved May 25, 1900, 31 Stat. 187]

[As Amended Through Act of May 25, 1900, Enacted May 25, 1900]

**CHAP. 553.**—AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION BY INTERSTATE COMMERCE OF GAME KILLED IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That [16 U.S.C. 701] the duties and powers of the Department of Agriculture are hereby enlarged so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction, and restoration of game birds and other wild birds. The Secretary of Agriculture<sup>1</sup> is hereby authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act and to purchase such game birds and other wild birds as may be required thereof, subject, however, to the laws of the various States and Territories. The object and purpose of this Act is to aid in the restoration of such birds in those parts of the United States adapted thereto where the same have become scarce or extinct, and also to regulate the introduction of American or foreign birds or animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed.*

The Secretary of Agriculture<sup>1</sup> shall from time to time collect and publish useful information as to the propagation, uses, and preservation of such birds.

And the Secretary of Agriculture<sup>1</sup> shall make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and shall expend for said purposes such sums as Congress may appropriate therefor.

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## ACT OF JUNE 3, 1902

[Chapter 983, Approved June 3, 1902, 32 Stat. 285]

[As Amended Through Act of June 3, 1902, Enacted June 3, 1902]

**CHAP. 983.**—AN ACT TO REGULATE THE INTRODUCTION OF EGGS OF GAME BIRDS FOR PROPAGATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That [16 U.S.C. 702] from and after the passage of this Act the Secretary of Agri-*

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<sup>1</sup>Section 4(f) of Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939 (5 U.S.C. App.) transferred functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to the Secretary of the Interior.

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culture<sup>1</sup> shall have the power to authorize the importation of eggs of game birds for purposes of propagation, and he shall prescribe all necessary rules and regulations governing the importation of eggs of said birds for such purposes.