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The following is a listing of acts that at one time affected, but no longer appear to have any effect on, hunting, fishing or animal control in Loudon County. They are included herein for reference purposes. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

- 1. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 242, allowed Loudon County residents to catch fish in any waters in the county (except from April 1st to June 1st) and by any means except by wing net, poison, dynamite or other explosives.
- 2. Acts of 1905, Chapter 60, was a fence law for Loudon County, making the owner of wandering livestock liable for damages done by them and giving the damaged landowners a lien on the stock to secure payment of the damages.
- 3. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 49, provided for a fence law in Loudon County. Its provisions were similar to the 1905 law, but this act also gave the damaged landowners the right to pen the wandering livestock to prevent any further damage, but requiring him to give the stock proper food and care for which the owner of the stock would have to pay.
- 4. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 406, created a game and fish preserve in Loudon County and ordered the state game warden to furnish quail, pheasants, turkey and other game for stocking the area.
- 5. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 405, exempted Loudon County from the 1919 general statute regulating the possession of dogs.
- 6. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 692, set the open season on quail in Loudon County from November 15 to January 15.
- 7. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 653, created a game preserve in Loudon County which provided for the stocking of said preserve with game; provided for the protection of game in said preserve and provided for the appointment of deputy game wardens.
- 8. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 68, permitted W.B. Green to practice veterinary surgery in Loudon and Roane counties.

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