

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 46
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7 H.P. 41

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

Cosponsor: Representative Ingraham of Houlton.
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Bounty on Coyote.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 12 MRSA c. 723 is enacted to read:

22 CHAPTER 723

23 BOUNTIES

24 §7971. Coyote

25 There shall be a bounty of \$5 for every male
26 coyote and \$10 for every female coyote which is

1 killed within the State, to be paid by the Treasurer
2 of State to the person killing the coyote upon com-
3 pliance with the following conditions. No bounty may
4 be paid unless the claimant, within 10 days after he
5 has killed the animal, exhibits to the warden or
6 warden supervisor in whose district the animal was
7 killed the entire skin thereof, with the ears, nose
8 and tail thereon in as perfect a state as when
9 killed, except for natural decay, and signs a certifi-
10 cate under oath stating that he killed the animal
11 and the time and place within the State. The certifi-
12 cate shall be approved by and bear the signature of
13 the warden or warden supervisor in whose district the
14 animal was killed, stating that he believes the coy-
15 ote to have been killed at the time and place stated
16 therein. The warden or warden supervisor shall cut
17 off the entire tail from the skin and destroy the
18 tail. The person claiming the bounty shall forward
19 to the commissioner the claimant's certificate in a
20 form as prescribed by the commissioner. Any claim
21 for a bounty shall be made within 10 days after the
22 killing of the animal.

23 Upon receipt by the State Controller of a cer-
24 tificate from the commissioner, the controller shall
25 audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid
26 forthwith by the Treasurer of State to the claimant
27 from fines and penalties recovered and money received
28 or collected under any provision of the inland fish-
29 eries and wildlife laws or amendments thereof, or for
30 sale of any seized or confiscated articles. After
31 the foregoing funds have been exhausted, any further
32 bounties shall be paid from the revenues of the
33 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 The purpose of this bill is to establish a
36 bounty on coyote in order to remove a hazzard to deer
37 and other animals.

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