

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 403

House of Representatives, Mar. 13, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Wilson from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Section forty-six of chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter two hundred nineteen of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, relating to the protection of certain fur-bearing animals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section forty-six of chapter thirty-three of the revised
2 statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred nineteen of
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substitut-
5 ing therefor the following section:

'Sect. 46. Whoever, from the first day of March to the

2 fourteenth day of the following October, both days inclu-
3 sive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing
4 animal (except bears, muskrats, raccoons, beaver, bobcats,
5 loup-cervier, Canada lynx and weasles) or whoever, from
6 the first day of March to the fourteenth day of the follow-
7 ing August, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues
8 or catches, any raccoon, or whoever from the fifteenth day
9 of May to the fourteenth day of the following October,
10 both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches,
11 any muskrat, or whoever has in possession at any time
12 any fur-bearing animal or part thereof taken in closed sea-
13 son, shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each of-
14 fense and in addition thereto three dollars for each fur-
15 bearing animal hunted, trapped, killed, pursued, caught or
16 had in possession in violation hereof. Provided, further,
17 that it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, to take,
18 catch, trap, kill or destroy any muskrat or muskrats at any
19 time in Lower Kezar pond, in the town of Fryeburg, in the
20 county of Oxford, and in the town of Bridgton, in the
21 county of Cumberland, or in the outlet stream of said Low-
22 er Kezar pond, or in the Kezar meadows, so called, adja-
23 cent to said pond (which meadows are bounded by the
24 outlet stream of said pond, by the old Saco river, by the
25 'Uplands', so called, and by the 'Uplands' on the easterly
26 side of said meadows) or in the east bog, so called, or in
27 the west bog, so called, bounded by the 'Uplands', and on
28 the westerly side by a wire fence on land owned by E. C.

29 Buzzell; except that it shall be lawful to take muskrats
30 within said territory in the usual manner of trapping, in
31 accordance with the general statutes of the state, during the
32 months of March and April in each year. Provided, furth-
33 er, that it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, to take,
34 catch, trap, kill or destroy any muskrat or muskrats at any
35 time in Orange river, or in any of its tributaries, in the
36 town of Whiting, and in adjoining towns, in the county of
37 Washington, except between the tenth day of April and the
38 twenty-fifth day of April, of each year, both days inclusive.
39 Provided, further, that it shall be unlawful, under the same
40 penalty, to take, catch, trap, kill or destroy any otter, fisher
41 or mink in Orange river, or in any of its tributaries, in the
42 town of Whiting, and in adjoining towns, in the county of
43 Washington, except from the first day of November, of
44 each year, to the last day of February of the following year,
45 both days inclusive. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful
46 to set a trap at any time within twenty-five feet of a muskrat
47 house, under a penalty of ten dollars and costs for each
48 offense. Whoever at any time hunts, traps, kills, pursues,
49 catches or has in possession any beaver, or part thereof,
50 except as provided in the preceding section, shall pay a fine
51 of one hundred dollars and costs for each offense. Pro-
52 vided, however, that any person may lawfully kill any wild
52 animal (other than beaver or any wild bird found destroy-
53 ing his property.'