

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 355

H. P. 799 House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1931.

On motion of Mr. Gibson of Harrington taken from the table and on further motion by the same gentleman referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT relating to wild hares or rabbits.

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

Live rabbits may be transported from Washington county. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh line of the second paragraph of said section the word "dead"; and by inserting in the same line of said paragraph after the word "Maine" the following words: 'except, that it shall be lawful to transport, from Washington county beyond the limits of the state of Maine, live wild hares or rabbits taken within the limits of said county', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 71. Closed time on wild hares and rabbits; snares and nets shall not be used; transportation of. There shall be an annual closed season on wild hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Cumberland and York from the first day of March to the thirtieth day of September, both inclusive, of each year, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of September, both inclusive,

of each year, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or have any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall set or use any snare or snares, trap or traps, or any other device in the hunting of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt the same in any manner except in the ordinary method of shooting with guns; provided, however, it shall be lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps during the open seasons provided in this section. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport or offer for transportation at any time any wild hares or rabbits beyond the limits of the state of Maine. Except that it shall be lawful to transport, from Washington county beyond the limits of the state of Maine, live wild hares or rabbits taken within the limits of said county.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the holder of a non-resident hunting license from transporting to his home dead wild hares or rabbits which he has legally killed by virtue of his said non-resident hunting license, upon presentation of said wild hares or rabbits, and his hunting license to a transportation company or to an inspector appointed by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to inspect game shipments, and having an official transportation tag attached thereto, after being identified by said transportation agent or game inspector as the holder of said license. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken in closed season or by any method or with any device prohibited by this section.'