

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 361

H. P. 906

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Palmer of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Fur Bearing Animals.

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

Section 1. Chapter three hundred sixty-eight of the public laws of the special session of nineteen hundred thirty, and section seventy-two of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. Chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting a new section after section seventy-one of said chapter, to be numbered seventy-two, to read as follows:

'Sect. 72. Trapping season regulated. Whoever from the sixteenth day of January to the thirty-first day of October, both days inclusive, hunts or traps any fur-bearing animal, except wild hares and rabbits, beaver, bob-cats, loupcevrier or Canadian lynx, or whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal or part or parts thereof taken in closed season, shall be subject to the penalties of section one hundred seven of this chapter.

(a) Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to set a trap at any time within twenty-five feet of, or to molest or destroy, a muskrat house.

(b) Whoever at any time hunts or traps for or has in possession any beaver, or part thereof, except as provided in the

preceding section, and whoever molests or destroys a beaver house, or sets a trap within twenty-five feet thereof, shall be subject to the penalties of section one hundred seven of this chapter.

(c) Provided however, that any person may lawfully kill any wild animal (other than beaver) or any wild bird found destroying his property.'