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CHAPTER 65

**TAXIDERMISTS; DEALERS IN SKINS
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§ 4351. Taxidermists

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may, upon application, license as a taxidermist anyone who is skilled in that art and of good reputation. Residents of this State shall pay an annual fee of \$5, except that unnaturalized, foreign-born residents shall pay an annual fee of \$25, for such license. Taxidermists so licensed may at all times have in their possession, at their places of business, fish and game lawfully caught in open season for the sole purpose of preparing and mounting the same. Such fish and game, or parts thereof, may be transported to such licensee and retained by him for the purposes aforesaid, under such rules and limitations as may be made by said commissioner. Such licenses may be revoked by said commissioner at any time after notice and an opportunity for a hearing. Each person so licensed shall, on or before the 31st day of December each year, make a detailed report to said commissioner of all they have done during the year by virtue of such license.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 123.

§ 4352. Deer skins and heads

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may annually issue licenses to residents of this State to buy and sell deer skins, and the heads of deer if not detached from said skins, during the months of January, February, March, October, November and December, and the time may be extended by the commissioner upon written application, and the extension shall also be in writing signed by the commissioner. All persons aiding or assisting another in buying the skins or heads of deer shall be considered as engaged in the business of buying the skins or heads of deer and must procure a license therefor. Deer heads so purchased may, when detached from the skins, be sold to licensed taxidermists. Such licensee shall keep a true and complete rec-

ord which shall be open to inspection by the commissioner or his agent, of all such heads and skins purchased, the name and residence of whom purchased and the date of each purchase, and shall send such record annually, under oath, to the commissioner on or before the 31st day of December of each year. The fee for such license shall be \$25, to be paid to the said commissioner. All deer skins and deer heads purchased by virtue of this section shall be transported only under such rules as shall be made by said commissioner. No person shall buy any skins or heads of deer without being licensed, or no licensee shall neglect to keep the record and forward the same to said commissioner, nor refuse to exhibit said record upon request to the commissioner or his agent. For any violation of this section the commissioner may as an additional penalty revoke said license.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 124; 1955, c. 290, § 21.

§ 4353. Fur dealers

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may annually issue licenses to engage in the business of buying the skins of any fur-bearing animals. Each licensee shall keep a complete record which shall be open to inspection at all times by the commissioner or his agent, of all skins purchased, in such book as is furnished him by said commissioner, and shall send each record, under oath, to said commissioner on or before the 31st day of December of each year. The fee for the license shall be \$25 for residents of this State and \$50 for nonresidents, to be paid to the said commissioner. Whoever buys any skins of any fur-bearing animals without being licensed, or whoever, licensed as aforesaid, neglects to keep the record and forward same to said commissioner, or whoever refuses to exhibit said book for inspection by said commissioner or his agent, shall be subject to the penalties of Title 12, section 3060. All skins of fur-bearing animals bought in violation of any provisions of this section shall be forfeit and contraband and shall be seized by any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, and upon conviction of the person or persons from whom they were seized they shall be sold, and the proceeds from such sale paid to the Treasurer of State. All persons aiding or assisting another in buying, sorting or grading the skins of fur-bearing animals shall be considered as engaged in the business of buying the skins of fur-bearing animals and must procure a license therefor.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 125; 1957, c. 14; c. 392, § 33.