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George J. Stoble, Commissioner Inland Fisheries and Game Augusta, Maine

Ret Bounties on Pordupines

Dear Mr. Stobles

In response to your letter of March 25, I regret to have to inform you that section 78 of Chapter 35, of the Revised Statutes, relative to porcupines, appears to be in effect at the present time.

By Chapter 249, Public Laws 1931, it was provided that: "Not more than five thousand dollars a year shall be expended for porcupine bounties."

Chapter 229, Public Laws 1935, provided that: "The provisions of chapter 249 of the public laws of 1931 relating to payment of bounties on porcupines are hereby suspended for a period of 2 years from the day this act takes effect."

Chapter 185, Public Laws 1955, provides as follows:

"Sec. 1. The provisions of section 78 of chapter 58 of the revised statutes, relating to the bounties on porcupines and hedgehogs, are hereby suspended until June 30, 1937.

Sec. 2. The provisions of chapter 249 of the public laws of 1931, relating to payment of bounties on porcupines, are hereby suspended until June 30, 1937.

As the Legislature of 1937 failed to make any provision with reference to porcupines, Section 78 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes is now in effect.

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg Deputy Attorney General