

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jones of Farmington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Killing of Bears in Organized Townships.**

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 122, additional.** Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 122, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 122. **Bounty on bears.** For a period of 2 years from the effective date of this act, except in that portion of Franklin County north of the Appalachian Trail, an award of \$20 shall be paid for each and every bear killed between May 1st and September 30th in organized townships and plantations to the person killing the same, by the treasurer of the organized township or plantation in which said bear was killed. These awards shall be paid by such treasurers.

No award shall be paid, unless claimant within 72 hours after he has killed such animals, exhibits to the town treasurer the entire skin thereof or the entire animal for the killing of which such award is claimed, and signs a certificate under oath, which said treasurer may administer, stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the State. Such certificate must be approved by and bear the signature of the fish and game warden or warden supervisor in whose district the animal was killed stating that he believes the bear to have been killed at the time and place stated therein. The skin of all bears on which award is claimed must be marked and sealed by the warden or warden supervisor in whose district the same was killed, with implements provided by the commissioner, and such warden or warden supervisor shall slit the right ear of the bear lengthwise. The town treasurer shall then pay the award and take the claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificates and the town treasurer shall make upon the same paper, at the time of his monthly report, a certificate

under oath addressed to the commissioner, that all the requirements of law have been met by the claimant and that the award has been paid to him.

The certificate shall be in the following form:

**Claimant's Certificate**

To the Treasurer of the Town of .....

I hereby certify that on the ..... day of ..... A. D., 19 .... at ..... in the State of Maine, I killed the bear, the skin of which I now exhibit to you, and I claim the award allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... A. D., ....  
..... Claimant

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

..... Treasurer of  
.....

I believe that the bear was killed at the time and place stated herein.

This ..... day of .....  
.....  
Game Warden

Bear Tag Number .....

**Claimant's Receipt**

On this ..... day of ..... A. D., 19 ...., I received of ....., treasurer of ....., dollars ....., being the award allowed by law for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

..... Claimant

**Town Treasurer's Certificate**

To the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game:

I hereby certify that as required by law ..... of ..... on the ..... day of ..... A. D., 19 ...., at ..... exhibited to me the whole of the skin of a bear, which I found to have been stamped and sealed by a warden, and then paid the said award, for which I have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... A. D., 19 ....

.....  
Treasurer of .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

.....  
Justice of the Peace

The award so paid by the town treasurer shall be reimbursed by the State out of the funds of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game upon presentation of the claim.

It is illegal to trap or hunt bear within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of any private or public dump unless written permission therefor is granted by the commissioner or his duly authorized agent.'