

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for a Bounty on Eastern Coyotes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2901, amended. The first sentence, as amended, and the 3rd sentence of section 2901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, are further amended to read as follows:

There shall be a bounty of \$15 for every bobcat and \$50 for every eastern coyote (coydog) which is killed within the State, to be paid by the Treasurer of State to the person killing the same upon compliance with the following conditions.

Such certificate must be approved by and bear the signature of the warden or warden supervisor in whose district the animal was killed, stating that he believes the cat or eastern coyote (coydog) to have been killed at the time and place stated therein, and the person claiming the bounty shall thereupon cut off the whole of the tail from the skin and forward the same to the commissioner, together with the claimant's ~~certificate~~ certificate in the following form:

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2901, amended. That part of section 2901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes which relates to "Claimant's Certificate", as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Claimant's Certificate

To the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game:

I hereby certify that on the day of
A. D., 19.... at in the State of Maine, I killed the

bobcat or eastern coyote (coydog), the skin of which I now exhibit to you, and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

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

.....
(P.O. Address of Claimant)

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

.....
Notary Public Justice of the Peace

It is believed that the cat or eastern coyote (coydog) was killed at the time and place stated herein.

This day of

.....
Game Warden

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2901, amended. The first paragraph of the form relating to "DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME" of section 2901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

I hereby certify that I have received from, claimant, the tail of the bobcat or eastern coyote (coydog) described in the foregoing certificate.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 2901, amended. The first sentence of the last paragraph of section 2901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt by the State Controller of a certificate from the commissioner showing that said commissioner has received the tail of the bobcat or eastern coyote (coydog) from the claimant, said controller shall audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid forthwith by the Treasurer of State to the claimant from fines and penalties recovered and money received or collected under any provision of the inland fish and game laws or amendments thereof, or for sale of any seized or confiscated articles.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The eastern coyote (coydog) is becoming a nuisance in many areas of the state including Oxford, Franklin and Somerset Counties. Numerous deer kills and the killing of sheep have been attributed to this new species of predator. An extremely evasive animal necessitates a high bounty to eliminate the danger to our deer herds and demesticated farm animals.