

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 766

H. P. 625

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

On motion of Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Immonen of West Paris.

Cosponsors: Mr. Rollins of Dixfield, Miss Brown of Bethel and Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Establish a Bounty on Northeastern Coyote.**

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

12 MRSA § 2901-A is enacted to read:

§ 2901-A. Coyotes

There shall be a bounty of \$50 for every northeastern coyote, *canis latrans*, 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.

1. Exhibit entire skin. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant, within 10 days after he has killed such animal, exhibits to the warden or warden supervisor in whose district the animal was killed the entire skin thereof, with the ears, nose and tail thereon in as perfect a state as when killed, except for natural decay, and signs a certificate under oath stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the State.

2. Certification. A 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 coyote to have been killed at the time and place stated therein. The commissioner shall specify procedures which a warden or warden supervisor may use to assist in the identification of the skin such procedures are used, the warden or warden supervisor shall not sign the certificate until the identification is certain. The warden or warden supervisor shall slit each ear from the tip to the base.

3. **Claim.** The person claiming the bounty shall forward to the commissioner the claimant's certificate in a form as prescribed by the commissioner. Any claim for a bounty must be made within 10 days after the killing of the animal.

Upon receipt by the State Controller of a certificate from the commissioner, the 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. After the foregoing funds have been exhausted, any further bounties shall be paid from the revenues of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

#### FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that approximately 500 coyotes will be taken annually resulting in a cost of \$25,000. Administrative costs are estimated to be approximately \$5,000 per year. Any administrative costs or bounties paid under this bill shall be paid from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife budget.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The northeastern coyote has become a menace in western Maine. The purpose of this bill is to establish a \$50 bounty for the killing of coyote. A reduction in the coyote population will aid in the growth of the deer population, resulting in increased interest in deer hunting and a corresponding increase in hunting fees.  
this bill.

The long-term gain in revenue generated by these fees will offset the cost of