

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 394

H. P. 346

House of Representatives, January 22, 1981

On Motion of Representative MacEachern of Lincoln, referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.

Cosponsor: Representative McGowan of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish a Bounty on Coyote.

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

12 MRSA c 723 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 723

BOUNTIES

§ 7971. Coyote

There shall be a bounty of \$5 for every male coyote and \$10 for every female coyote 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. No bounty may be paid unless the claimant, within 10 days after he has killed the 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 the animal and the time and place within the State. The certificate shall 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 warden or warden supervisor shall cut off the entire tail from the skin and destroy the tail.

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 shall 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 fisheries and wildlife 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish a bounty on coyote in order to remove a hazzard to deer and other animals.