

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 1181

H.P. 902 House of Representatives, March 14, 1983

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.
Cosponsors: Representative Ridley of Shapleigh, Representative Kelly of Camden and Representative Smith of Island Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Establish a Bounty on Coyote.

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

12 MRSA c. 709, sub-c. IV-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER IV-A

BOUNTIES

§7521. Coyote

There shall be a bounty of \$25 for every coyote which is killed within the State, to be paid by the Treasurer of State to the person killing the coyote 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

1 animal was killed the entire nose, in as perfect a
2 state as when killed, except for natural decay, and
3 signs a certificate or bounty slip under oath stating
4 that he killed that animal and the time and place
5 within the State. The certificate shall be approved
6 by and bear the signature of the warden or warden
7 supervisor in whose district the animal was killed,
8 stating that he believes the animal to have been
9 killed at the time and place stated in the certifi-
10 cate. The person claiming the bounty shall forward to
11 the commissioner the claimant's certificate or bounty
12 slip in a form as prescribed by the commissioner.

13 Upon receipt by the State Controller of a certifi-
14 cate from the commissioner, the controller shall
15 audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid
16 forthwith by the Treasurer of State to the claimant
17 from fines and penalties recovered and money received
18 or collected under any provision of the fisheries and
19 wildlife laws or amendments thereof, or for sale of
20 any seized or confiscated articles. After the fore-
21 going funds have been exhausted, any further bounties
22 shall be paid from the revenues of the Department of
23 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

24 §7522. Sunset provision

25 This subchapter shall be repealed on September 1,
26 1986.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The purpose of this bill is to establish a bounty
29 on coyotes to reduce their expansion in the State.
30 The bounty system has worked on bobcats, bear and
31 Canadian lynx and will work on coyotes.

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