

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 496

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7 S.P. 178

In Senate, February 8, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and ordered printed.
9 Sent down for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

Cosponsored by Representative Conners of Franklin and Representative
Clark of Millinocket.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Bounty on Coyote.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 12 MRSA c. 709, sub-c. IV-A is enacted to read:

22 SUBCHAPTER IV-A

23 BOUNTIES

24 §7521. Coyote

25 There shall be a bounty of \$25 for every coyote
26 which is killed within the State, to be paid by the
27 Treasurer of State to the person killing the coyote
28 upon compliance with the following conditions. No
29 bounty may be paid unless the claimant, within 10
30 days after he has killed the animal, exhibits to the
31 warden or warden supervisor in whose district the an-
32 imal was killed the entire nose, in as perfect a
33 state as when killed, except for natural decay, and

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

11 Upon receipt by the State Controller of a certifi-
12 cate from the commissioner, the controller shall au-
13 dit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid
14 forthwith by the Treasurer of State to the claimant
15 from fines and penalties recovered and money received
16 or collected under any provision of the fisheries and
17 wildlife laws or amendments thereof, or for sale of
18 any seized or confiscated articles.

19 §7522. Sunset provision

20 This subchapter shall be repealed on September 1,
21 1988.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The purpose of this bill is to establish a bounty
24 on coyotes to reduce their expansion in the State.
25 The bounty system has worked on bobcats, bear and Ca-
26 nadian lynx and will work on coyotes.

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