

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 78

House of Representatives, January 24, 2013

### **An Act To Enhance the Deer Population by Increasing Control of Coyotes through Local Conservation Organizations**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: McELWEE of Caribou, NADEAU of Fort Kent, NADEAU of Winslow,  
NOON of Sanford, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHORT of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10108, sub-§11, ¶D** is enacted to read:

3 D. The commissioner may adopt rules to allow a local conservation organization to  
4 pay a hunter a bounty of \$20 for each coyote killed by that hunter. The department  
5 shall reimburse a participating conservation organization \$25 per coyote bounty paid  
6 by the organization with funds received pursuant to the federal Pittman-Robertson  
7 Wildlife Restoration Act, 16 United States Code, Sections 669 to 669k (1937). Rules  
8 adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
9 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12262** is enacted to read:

11 **§12262. Trapping coyotes**

12 There is an open season for trapping coyotes in all counties of the State from October  
13 15th to February 15th.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill does the following:

- 16 1. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to  
17 establish a coyote bounty system;
- 18 2. It provides that coyote bounties be paid from federal funding received from the  
19 federal Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act; and
- 20 3. It sets a coyote trapping season from October 15th to February 15th.