

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 61.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-EIGHT.

AN ACT to establish a bounty on bears.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. A bounty of three dollars for every bear
2 killed in any town in this state shall be paid by the
3 treasurer thereof to the person killing it, on his com-
4 plying with the following provisions.

SECT. 2. No bounty shall be paid unless the person
2 claiming it within ten days after he has killed such
3 animal, or within ten days after he has returned from
4 the hunting in which he killed it, exhibits to the town
5 treasurer the entire skin thereof with the ears and nose
6 on it in as perfect a state as when killed, except nat-
7 ural decay, and signs and makes oath to a certificate,

8 which oath said treasurer is hereby authorized to ad-
 9 minister, in which he shall state that he killed such
 10 animal, and the time when, and the place where, he
 11 killed it, showing it to be within this state ; and the
 12 said treasurer shall thereupon cut off the whole of the
 13 ears and the whole of the nose from such skin, and
 14 entirely destroy them by burning ; then he shall pay
 15 the bounty and take the receipt of the claimant there-
 16 for upon the same paper with such certificate. The
 17 treasurer shall immediately make upon the same paper
 18 a certificate, under oath, addressed to the treasurer of
 19 state, that he first cut off the ears and nose from the
 20 skin of such animal and destroyed them by burning,
 21 and then paid the said bounty to the claimant.

SECT. 3. Said certificates and receipts shall annually,
 2 in the month of December, be transmitted to the treas-
 3 urer of state, and by him laid before the legislature as
 4 early as convenient ; and when allowed by the legis-
 5 lature shall be paid by the treasurer of state to such
 6 towns.

SECT. 4. The certificates shall be in form as follows :

2 Claimant's certificate.

3 To the treasurer of . I hereby certify that on
 4 the day of A. D. 187 at , in the State
 5 of Maine, I killed the bear the skin of which I now

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6 exhibit to you ; and I claim the bounty allowed by
7 law for killing the same.

8 Dated at this day of A. D. 18

9 Claimant's receipt.

10 On this day of A. D. 18 , I received of
11 treasurer of dollars, being the bounty allowed
12 by law for killing the bear described in the above
13 certificate. — — Claimant.

14 Treasurer's certificate.

15 I hereby certify, that as required by law, I first cut
16 off the whole of the ears and nose from the skin of
17 the bear described in the foregoing certificate, and
18 destroyed the same by burning, and then paid to the
19 said the bounty for which I have taken his re-
20 ceipt as above.

21 Dated at this day of A. D. 18

22 — — Treasurer of

23 Subscribed and sworn to before me the
24 day and year aforesaid.

25 Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 29, 1878. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*