

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 644

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to provide a bounty on bears in Washington County.

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

Section 1. A bounty of five dollars for each and every
2 bear killed in any town or unincorporated place in Wash-
3 ington County shall be paid by the treasurer of such town
4 to the person killing it. If the animal is killed in an unin-
5 corporated place the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer
6 of an adjoining town, if any, otherwise by the treasurer of
7 the nearest town.

Sect. 2. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant,
2 within ten days after he has killed such animal, or has re-
3 turned from the hunting, in which he killed it, exhibits to

4 the town treasurer the entire skin of the animal for the
5 killing of which such bounty is claimed, with the nose there-
6 of in as perfect a state as when killed, excepting natural
7 decay, and signs and makes oath to a certificate, which oath
8 said treasurer may administer, in which he shall state that
9 he killed such animal, and the time and place, showing it to
10 be within the county; and the treasurer shall thereupon cut
11 off the whole nose from such skin and entirely destroy it by
12 burning; then he shall pay the bounty and take the claim-
13 ant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certifi-
14 cate. The town treasurer shall immediately make upon
15 the same paper a certificate made under oath addressed to
16 the treasurer of State, that he first cut off the nose from the
17 skin and destroyed it by burning, and then paid said bounty
18 to the claimant.

Sect. 3. Said certificate shall annually, in December, be
2 transmitted to the treasurer of State, and by him laid be-
3 fore the governor and council as early as convenient; and
4 when allowed by them, shall be paid by the treasurer of
5 State to such town.

Sect. 4. The certificate shall be in the following form:

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE.

To the treasurer of, I hereby certify that on the
. day of, A. D. 19. . ., at, in the County
of Washington and State of Maine I killed the bear, the skin

of which I now exhibit to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at, this.... day of, 19...

....., *Claimant.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year aforesaid., *Treasurer of*

CLAIMANT'S RECEIPT.

On this day of, A. D. 19.., I received of, Treasurer of, five dollars, being the bounty allowed by law for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

....., *Claimant.*

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first cut off the whole nose from the skin of the bear (described in the foregoing certificate) and destroyed the same by burning, and then paid the said the bounty for which I have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at, this day of, A. D. 19...

....., *Treasurer of*

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

....., *Justice of the Peace.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 15, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BIGELOW from Committee on Inland
Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*