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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 47

In Senate, Feb. 5, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Allen of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section forty of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to the closed season on fur-bearing animals.

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

Section forty of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Stat
utes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the

Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to

the closed season on fur-bearing animals, is hereby amend
ed by inserting, after the word "muskrat" in the seventh

line of said section the words 'or whoever, from the first

day of March to the thirty-first day of the following Octo-

8 ber, traps any foxes,' so that said section, as amended, shall 9 read as follows:

'Sect. 40. Whoever, from the first day of March to the II thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclu-12 sive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing 13 animal (except bears, muskrats, bob cats, beaver, loupcervier, 14 Canada lynx, foxes and weasels,) or whoever, from the first 15 day of May to the thirty-first day of the following October, 16 both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches 17 any muskrat, or whoever, from the first day of March to 18 the thirty-first day of the following October, traps any 10 foxes, shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each 20 offense and in addition thereto three dollars for each fur-21 bearing animal hunted, trapped, killed, pursued or caught 22 in violation hereof, or whoever at any time hunts, traps, 23 kills, pursues, catches or has in possession any beaver, or 24 part thereof, except as herein provided, shall pay a fine of 25 one hundred dollars and costs for each offense. It shall 26 be unalwful to set a trap within twenty-five feet of a musk-27 rat house, under penalty of ten dollars and costs for each 28 offense.

Provided, however, that any person may lawfully kill any 30 wild animal (other than beaver) or any wild bird found 31 destroying his property.