

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 48

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. Colby of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-nine 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 protection of beaver.

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

Section thirty-nine of chapter thirty-two of the Revised
2 Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the
3 Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to
4 the protection of beaver, is hereby amended by striking out
5 all of said section and substituting therefor the following
6 section:

‘Sect. 39. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game,
8 upon written complaint of any land owner that beaver are
9 doing actual, substantial damage to his property, shall have
10 authority to declare an open season for beaver upon such
11 land for such period of time as they may deem necessary to
12 remove the beaver that are doing the damage complained of,
13 during which open season it shall be lawful for any licensed
14 hunter and trapper of fur bearing animals to trap beaver
15 thereon. No open season for beaver as contemplated by
16 this section shall take effect until the commissioners of in-
17 land fisheries and game shall have caused notice of such
18 proposed open season to be published one time in a news-
19 paper printed in the county in which the land on which the
20 open season for beaver is declared is located, and said com-
21 missioners shall also file copy of said notice of open season
22 with the clerk of the town or plantation in which such land
23 is located, or if the land is in an unorganized place, with the
24 clerk of courts for the county in which the land is located.

Whenever during a special open season on beaver as is
26 contemplated by this section it shall appear to the commis-
27 sioners of inland fisheries and game that the privileges of
28 such open season are being abused in any place, said commis-
29 sioners of inland fisheries and game may suspend the open
30 season and declare it close season for beaver on such land
31 for such time as they may designate.

It shall be unlawful to take any beaver anywhere in the
33 state at any time except during such open season as may be

34 declared by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game
35 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Whoever takes any beaver in violation of any of the pro-
37 visions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-
38 five dollars and costs for each beaver taken, caught or killed
39 in violation of any provision of this section. It shall also be
40 unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to have in
41 possession at any time, any beaver, or part thereof, taken
42 in violation of any provision of this section.'