

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 377

In Senate, March 17, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Allen from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

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 1913, 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 statutes, 2 as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the public 3 laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby amended 4 by striking out all of said section and by substituting there- 5 for the following section:

6 Sect. 40. Whoever, from the first day of March to the 7 thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclusive,

8 hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing animal
9 (except bears, muskrats, bob-cats, beaver, loup-cervier, Can-
10 ada lynx, foxes and weasels), or whoever, from the first
11 day of May to the thirty-first day of the following October,
12 both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches,
13 any muskrat, or whoever, from the first day of March to
14 the thirty-first day of the following October, both days in-
15 clusive, traps any foxes, shall pay a fine of ten dollars and
16 costs for each offense and in addition thereto three dollars
17 for each fur-bearing animal hunted, trapped, killed, pur-
18 sued or caught in violation hereof, or whoever at any time
19 hunts, traps, kills, pursues, catches or has in possession any
20 beaver, or part thereof, except as provided in section thirty-
21 nine of this chapter, shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars
22 and costs for each offense. It shall be unlawful to set a
23 trap within twenty-five feet of a muskrat house, under pen-
24 alty of ten dollars and costs for each offense.

The foregoing provisions shall not apply to fur-bearing
26 animals artificially propagated and under control of the
27 owner.

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