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SENATE

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W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to correct certain clerical errors in, and to amend, 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 inland fisheries and game.

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

Section 1. The first five paragraphs of section two of 2 chapter thirty-two of the revised statutes, as amended by 3 chapter two hundred and six of the public laws of nineteen 4 hundred and thirteen, are hereby amended by striking out 5 all of said paragraphs and by substituting therefor the fol- 6 lowing paragraphs:

'Sect. 2. Except as hereinafter provided, there shall be
8 an annual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout, togue,
9 white perch and black bass, in all the lakes and ponds of the
10 state, as follows:

On landlocked salmon, trout and togue, from the thirtieth
12 day of September until the ice is out of the lake or pond
13 fished in the following spring; on white perch and black
14 bass from the thirtieth day of September until the twentieth
15 day of June following; provided, however, that it shall be
16 lawful to take black bass, with unbaited artificial flies only,
17 from the time the ice is out of the lake or pond fished in
18 the spring until the twentieth day of June following; pro-
19 vided, further, that in Sebago lake and Long pond, in Cum-
20 berland county, the annual closed season on landlocked
21 salmon, trout and black bass shall be from the first day of
22 October to the thirty-first day of March of the following
23 year, both days inclusive, and in Thompson pond, situated
24 in Androscoggin, Cumberland and Oxford counties, the an-
25 nual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout and togue
26 shall be from September first to January first of the follow-
27 ing year. But in the brooks, streams and rivers of the state,
28 above tide waters, the annual closed season on trout, salmon
29 and landlocked salmon shall be from September fifteenth
30 to the time the ice is out of the brook, stream or river fished
31 in the following spring; on black bass and white perch from
32 September thirtieth to June twentieth of the following year.
33 During the respective closed seasons on the above named

34 fish no person shall fish for, take, catch or kill or have any
35 of them in possession; provided, however, that no person
36 shall in any one day during the respective open seasons
37 herein provided take or catch and kill or have in possession
38 at any time, more than fifteen pounds in all of the above
39 named fish, unless one individual fish caught shall weigh
40 more than fifteen pounds, or unless the last fish caught in-
41 creases the combined weight thereof to more than fifteen
42 pounds, and provided, further, that no person in any one
43 day shall take, catch and kill or have in possession at any
44 time more than twenty-five fish in all of the above named
45 fish even though the twenty-five fish caught and killed weigh
46 less than fifteen pounds; provided, however, that no person
47 or party or occupants of any one boat, canoe, raft or other
48 vessel or conveyance propelled by steam, electricity, hand
49 or other power shall catch by still or plug fishing, so called,
50 more than four trout and landlocked salmon in any one
51 day, collectively, nor more than two trout and landlocked
52 salmon in any one day, individually, in the waters of Range-
53 ley, Richardson, Mooselookmeguntic and Cupsuptic lakes,
54 situated in the counties of Franklin and Oxford; provided,
55 further, that landlocked salmon and trout may be caught by
56 artificial fly until October first in Moose river, between
57 Moosehead lake and Brassua lake, in Somerset county.

It shall be unlawful to fish through the ice at any time for
59 any kind of fish except as hereinafter provided: pickerel
60 may be taken at any time through the ice in waters open to

61 ice fishing for landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch
62 and black bass as hereinafter provided, but in no other
63 waters, with not more than five set lines to each family when
64 fishing through the ice in the day time and when under the
65 immediate personal supervision of the person fishing, and
66 during February and March, citizens of the state may fish
67 for and take landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch
68 and black bass with not more than five set lines to each
69 family when fishing through the ice in the day time and
70 when under the immediate personal supervision of the per-
71 son fishing and may convey them to their own homes for
72 consumption therein but not otherwise, in the following
73 named and specified lakes, ponds and rivers, but in no other
74 waters, namely:

Sect. 2. The seventh paragraph of section two of chapter
2 thirty-two of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter
3 two hundred and six of the public laws of nineteen hundred
4 and thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said
5 paragraph and by substituting therefor the following para-
6 graph:

And provided, further, that no landlocked salmon less than
8 twelve inches in length, no trout less than six inches in
9 length, no black bass less than ten inches in length and no
10 white perch less than six inches in length shall be caught
11 and killed or had in possession by any person at any time,
12 except that in Great, Long, East, North, Ellis, McGraw and
13 Snow ponds, said ponds being part of the Belgrade chain

14 of lakes, in Kennebec and Somerset counties, no trout less
15 than ten inches or black bass less than twelve inches in
16 length shall be caught and killed at any time; and provided,
17 further, that no person shall take, catch and kill in any one
18 day more than six black bass in all in either of said ponds
19 or in Lake Kezar or in Lower Kezar pond in Oxford county.'

Sect. 3. Section four 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, is hereby
4 amended by inserting the words 'directly or indirectly' after
5 the word "flowing" in the third line thereof, so that said
6 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. The words "tributary" and "tributaries" wher-
8 ever used in this act shall be construed to mean brooks or
9 streams flowing directly or indirectly into a lake or pond or
10 into another brook or stream, and one great pond or lake
11 shall not be construed as a tributary to another great pond
12 or lake.'

Sect. 4. Section six 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, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 6. Whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills or de-
7 stroys any fish, with fish spawn, or grapnel, spear, trawl,
8 weir, gaff, seine, trap (or set lines, except when fishing
9 through the ice, and then with not more than five set lines

10 to a family in the day time), or shall use any dynamite or
11 other explosive or poisonous or stupefying substance for
12 the purpose of destroying or taking fish, or takes any kind
13 of fish (except suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch,
14 as hereinafter provided) with any device or in any other
15 way than by the ordinary mode of angling with single baited
16 hook and line, artificial flies, artificial minnows, artificial
17 insects, spoon hooks and spinners, so called, shall pay a
18 fine of not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars, and
19 costs of prosecution, for each offense, and in addition there-
20 to one dollar for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in
21 possession in violation of any provision of this section; and
22 when prohibited implements or devices are found in use or
23 possession they are forfeit and contraband and any person
24 finding them in use may destroy them.'

Sect. 5. Section seven of chapter thirty-two of the revised
2 statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 7. No person shall have in possession at any time
7 any jack light, spear, trawl, or net (except such as are au-
8 thorized for the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts and yel-
9 low perch, as provided in section nine of this chapter) other
10 than a dip net, in any camp, lodge or place of resort for
11 hunters or fishermen, or in its immediate vicinity, or on any
12 of the lakes, rivers or streams of the state, or in their imme-

13 diate vicinity, in the inland territory of the state, under a
14 penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty
15 dollars and costs of prosecution for each offense, and when
16 such implements or devices are found in possession in vio-
17 lation of this section they are forfeit and contraband and
18 may be seized by any person authorized to enforce the in-
19 land fish and game laws.'

Sect. 6. Section eight 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, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 8. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in all
7 the inland waters of the state above tide waters with a dip
8 net in the usual and ordinary way, and to catch them through
9 the ice in the day time with single hook and line at any
10 time in waters open to ice fishing, but they shall not be
11 taken for sale or sold at any time except for bait for fish-
12 ing in this state; provided, however, that it shall be lawful
13 to take smelts at any time for sale in any of the tributaries
14 to Sebago lake, with a dip net in the usual and ordinary
15 way, and in Sebago lake, with single hook and line, during
16 January, February and March of each year; provided, fur-
17 ther, that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other fish
18 usually used for bait in fishing and to sell the same for bait
19 for fishing only in this state; and provided, further, that
20 it shall be lawful to catch white fish and cusk with single

21 hook and line at any time, but they shall not be taken at
22 night with set lines; and provided, further, that it shall be
23 lawful to take suckers with spears during April and May
24 of each year.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay
26 a fine of thirty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Sect. 7. Section nine of chapter thirty-two of the revised
2 statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 9. Suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch may
7 be taken with eel pots, traps, spears or nets, in such inland
8 waters and under such rules and regulations as may be
9 established by the commissioners of inland fisheries and
10 game.

Said commissioners shall establish and designate by public
12 notice the waters in which suckers, eels, hornpouts and yel-
13 low perch may be taken as provided in this section. It shall
14 be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill or destroy
15 any suckers, eels, hornpouts or yellow perch, or to have in
16 possession any of said fish, in violation of any provision of
17 this section. Whoever violates any provision of this sec-
18 tion shall pay a fine of thirty dollars and costs for each
19 offense.'

Sect. 8. Section ten of chapter thirty-two of the revised
2 statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of

3 the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 10. No person shall transport more than fifteen
7 pounds of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch or
8 black bass in all in any one day, nor shall any corporation
9 or common carrier transport more than fifteen pounds in
10 all, of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch or black
11 bass in any one day as the property of one person, but noth-
12 ing herein contained shall prevent any person, corporation
13 or common carrier from transporting one fish weighing more
14 than fifteen pounds; nor shall any such be transported ex-
15 cept in the possession of the owner thereof, plainly labeled
16 with the owner’s name and residence, and open to view,
17 except as is provided in section eleven of this chapter. Who-
18 ever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine
19 of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and
20 costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar
21 for every pound of fish being transported in violation of
22 any provision of this section; and all such fish being so
23 transported in violation of this section shall be seized and
24 shall be forfeited to the state; provided, however, that noth-
25 ing herein contained shall prohibit any person having less
26 than twenty-five fish weighing in all less than fifteen pounds
27 from transporting one additional fish, nor prohibit any
28 transportation company from transporting said additional

29 fish under the conditions prescribed in this section for the
30 transportation of fish.'

Sect. 9. Section eleven of chapter thirty-two of the re-
2 vised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six
3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is here-
4 by amended by adding thereto the following: 'Whoever
5 violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not
6 less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and costs,
7 for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for each
8 pound of fish transported in violation of any provision of
9 this section,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as
10 follows:

Sect. 11. No landlocked salmon, trout, togue, black bass
12 or white perch shall be carried or transported in any way
13 except in the possession of the owner, accompanied by him,
14 plainly labeled with the owner's name and address, and open
15 to view, except any person who has lawfully in his posses-
16 sion one landlocked salmon, one trout, one togue, one black
17 bass or one white perch, or ten pounds of either kind of
18 these fish, may transport the same to his home or to any
19 hospital in this state without accompanying the shipment,
20 by purchasing of the duly constituted agent therefor a tag,
21 paying for a landlocked salmon, trout, togue or black bass,
22 one dollar for each, or one dollar for each ten pounds of
23 the same, and fifty cents for one white perch or ten pounds
24 of the same; provided, however, that no person shall, under
25 any of these provisions, send more than one box of fish

26 once in thirty days, except that one box of fish as afore-
27 said, may be sent as herein specified once in ten days by
28 one person taking them lawfully from Moosehead lake.
29 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay
30 a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dol-
31 lars and costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto one
32 dollar for each pound of fish transported in violation of
33 any provision of this section.'

Sect. 10. Section twenty-three of chapter thirty-two of
2 the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred
3 and six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen,
4 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and
5 by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 23. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game
7 for the location, construction, repair and convenient opera-
8 tion of a fish hatchery or fish hatcheries and feeding sta-
9 tions for fish may purchase, lease or take and hold, for and
10 in behalf of the state, as for public uses, land and all ma-
11 terials in and upon it or any rights necessary for the pur-
12 pose of establishing, erecting and operating fish hatcheries.
13 For real estate so taken, the owners are entitled to damages,
14 to be paid by the state and estimated by the county com-
15 missioners, on written application of either party, made
16 within one year after filing the location as hereinafter pro-
17 vided, or if proceedings thus commenced fail for causes
18 not affecting the merits, new ones may be commenced with-
19 in one year thereafter. When the commissioners of inland

20 fisheries and game deem that a public exigency requires
21 the taking of any land or rights for the purposes aforesaid,
22 they shall cause the same to be surveyed, located, and so
23 described that the same can be identified, and a plan there-
24 of shall be filed in the registry of deeds in the county (or
25 registry district) where the land or rights are located, and
26 there recorded. The filing of such plan and description
27 shall vest the title to the land and right aforesaid, in the
28 State of Maine, or its grantees, to be held during the pleas-
29 ure of the state. Either party if aggrieved by a decision
30 of the county commissioners rendered in conformity with
31 the provisions of this section, may appeal as in a civil action
32 to the Supreme Judicial Court in the county in which the
33 land is situated.'

Sect. 11. Section twenty-six of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and
3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 26. Whoever shall, for the whole or any part of
7 the time, engage in the business or occupation of fishing
8 on any of the inland waters of the State above tide waters,
9 for landlocked salmon, togue, trout, black bass, pickerel, or
10 white perch, for gain or hire, shall for every such offense
11 pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs. Provided, however,
12 that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibit-

13 ing the sale of pickerel legally taken by the person taking
14 the same.'

Sect. 12. Section thirty-five of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and
3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen is
4 hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty-first" in
5 the fourth line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the
6 word 'thirtieth' and by striking out the word "August" in
7 the fifth line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the
8 word 'September,' so that said section, as amended, shall
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 35. There shall be an annual closed season on gray
11 squirrels, during which closed season it shall be unlawful
12 to shoot at, kill or have them in possession, except alive,
13 from the first day of November of each year until the thir-
14 tieth day of September of the following year, both days in-
15 clusive.

Provided, however, that there shall be a perpetual closed
17 season on gray squirrels within all public or private parks
18 and within the limits of the compact or built-up portion of
19 any city or village.

Whoever shall shoot at or kill or have in possession any
21 gray squirrel in violation of any of the provisions of this
22 section shall pay a fine of not more than five dollars and
23 costs for each offense.'

Sect. 13. Section forty-four of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and

3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 44. Whoever at any time or at any place with any
7 trap, net, snare or contrivance other than the usual method
8 of shooting with firearms takes any bird of any variety
9 in anywise protected by this chapter shall pay a fine of five
10 dollars and costs for each bird so taken, and when such
11 prohibited implements or devices are found in possession
12 they are forfeit and contraband and may be seized by any
13 person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws.’

Sect. 14. Section fifty of chapter thirty-two of the Re-
2 vised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six
3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 50. Sunday is a closed season, on which it is not
7 lawful to hunt, kill or destroy any wild animals or wild
8 birds of any kind. Whoever hunts, kills, or destroys any
9 wild animal or wild bird on Sunday shall pay a fine of
10 not less than ten dollars nor more than forty dollars and
11 costs for each offense; provided, however, that if pro-
12 tected wild animals or wild birds are hunted, killed, de-
13 stroyed or had in possession in violation of this section, the
14 penalty shall be the same as is now imposed therefor during
15 other closed season; but the penalties imposed for the viola-

16 tion of the Sunday laws of the statutes of this state are not
17 hereby repealed or diminished.'

Sect. 15. Section fifty-five of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and
3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen,
4 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section :

'Sect. 55. It shall be unlawful for any unnaturalized for-
7 eign-born person who is not a taxpayer upon real estate with-
8 in this state and who has not resided within the limits of
9 this state for two years continuously prior to the time he de-
10 sires to hunt, to hunt in any manner, at any time, or pur-
11 sue, catch, kill or have in possession any wild animals or
12 birds, within the limits of this state, unless he is annually
13 licensed so to do as hereinafter provided.

The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, upon
15 the application of any unnaturalized foreign-born person
16 who is a resident of any city, town or plantation within the
17 state, and upon the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars may
18 issue to such person a license upon a form to be supplied
19 by them, bearing the name, age and place of residence of
20 the licensee with a description of him as near as may be,
21 authorizing the said licensee to hunt and kill game birds,
22 game or other wild animals on any lands on which said
23 hunting or killing is not forbidden by law, or by written or
24 printed notices posted thereon by the owner, lessee or occu-
25 pant thereof. Such license shall authorize the hunting or

26 killing of game birds, game or other wild animals only in
27 their respective open seasons and in the manner provided by
28 law. Said licenses shall not be transferable and shall be
29 exhibited upon demand to any of the Commissioners of
30 Inland Fisheries and Game, and to any inland fish and game
31 warden or deputy inland fish and game warden, and to any
32 sheriff, constable, police officer or other officer qualified to
33 serve process. The fees received from said licenses shall
34 annually be paid into the state treasury.

No unnaturalized, foreign-born person required to
36 be licensed under the provisions of this section shall have
37 in possession, when he is upon the wild lands or in the
38 woods or fields of the state, any firearm or firearms un-
39 less he is licensed as herein provided and all firearms found
40 in his possession in violation of this section shall be for-
41 feit and contraband and shall be seized by any person au-
42 thorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws. All
43 firearms seized by virtue of this section shall forthwith be
44 forwarded to the Commissioners at Augusta by the person
45 seizing the same, and upon conviction of the person or per-
46 sons from whom they were seized said firearms shall be
47 sold, the proceeds from such sale to be paid to the Treas-
48 urer of State.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay
50 a fine of \$25 and costs, for each offense.'

Sect. 16. Section fifty-nine of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and

3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 59. No person shall at any time set a snare for any
7 fur-bearing animal, nor shall any person at any time set any
8 trap or traps of any kind for any wild animal without hav-
9 ing the trap or traps plainly labeled with his full name and
10 address, either by having the same stamped on the trap or
11 on a metal tag, firmly attached to the trap. Whoever vio-
12 lates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of five
13 dollars and costs for each offense and in addition thereto five
14 dollars for each trap set and not marked as provided herein,
15 and shall forfeit the trap or traps, and any wild animal
16 found therein, to any person finding the same.

Provided, further, that no person shall set a bear trap at
18 any time unless a written or printed notice stating that such
19 a trap has been set is posted conspicuously in the immediate
20 vicinity, under a penalty of \$50 and costs for each offense,
21 and no person shall set a bear trap at any time unless the
22 same is enclosed in a hut, so-called, under the same penalty.'

Sect. 17. Section sixty of chapter thirty-two of the re-
2 vised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six
3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is here-
4 by amended by inserting before the word "incorporated" in
5 the first line thereof the words 'organized or' and by insert-
6 ing after the word "any" in the fifth line thereof the words

7 'organized or,' so that said section, as amended, shall read
8 as follows:

'Sect. 60. Any person setting a trap in any organized or
10 incorporated place shall visit said trap, or cause the same
11 to be visited, at least once in every twenty-four hours and
12 remove therefrom, or cause to be removed, any animal found
13 caught therein. No person shall set traps in any organized
14 or incorporated place without first obtaining the written
15 consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said
16 traps are to be set. Any person violating any of the pro-
17 visions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten
18 dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each of-
19 fense.'

Sect. 18. Section sixty-one of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes as amended by chapter two hundred and six
3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is here-
4 by amended by striking out all of said section and by sub-
5 stituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 61. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
7 Game may annually issue licenses to residents of this state
8 to buy and sell deer skins, and the heads of deer if not
9 detached from said skins, during the months of October,
10 November and December. Such licensee shall keep a rec-
11 ord, which shall be open to inspection by the Commissioners
12 of Inland Fisheries and Game or any person authorized to
13 enforce the inland fish and game laws, of all such heads and
14 skins purchased, of whom purchased and the date of each

15 purchase, and shall send such record annually to the Com-
16 missioners of Inland Fisheries and Game on or before the
17 twentieth day of December of each year. The fee for such
18 license shall be ten dollars, to be paid to the said Commis-
19 sioners. All deer skins and deer heads purchased by virtue
20 of this section shall be transported only under such rules, re-
21 strictions and limitations as shall, from time to time, be made
22 by said commissioners. Whoever buys any skins or heads
23 of deer without being licensed as herein provided, or who-
24 ever, licensed as aforesaid, neglects to keep the record and
25 forward the same to said commissioners as herein pro-
26 vided, or whoever refuses to exhibit said record upon re-
27 quest to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game
28 or to any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and
29 game laws, shall pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs for each
30 offense.'

Sect. 19. Section sixty-two of chapter thirty-two of the
2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and
3 six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen,
4 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
5 substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 62. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
7 Game may annually issue licenses to residents of this state
8 to engage in the business of buying otter, sable or fisher
9 skins or the skins of any other fur-bearing animals. Said
10 licensee shall keep a record, which shall be open to inspec-
11 tion by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game

12 or any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and
13 game laws, of all skins purchased, as aforesaid, in an appro-
14 priate book furnished them by the said commissioners, and
15 shall send such record, under oath, to said commissioners
16 on or before the twentieth day of December of each year.
17 The fee for such license shall be two dollars to be paid to
18 the said commissioners. Whoever buys any skins of otter,
19 sable or fisher or the skins of any other fur-bearing ani-
20 mals without being licensed as herein provided, or whoever,
21 licensed as aforesaid, neglects to keep the record and for-
22 ward the same to said commissioners as herein provided,
23 or whoever refuses to exhibit said book for inspection by the
24 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game or any per-
25 son authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws,
26 shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense.
27 All skins of fur-bearing animals bought in violation of the
28 provisions of this section shall be forfeit and contraband and
29 shall be seized by any person authorized to enforce the in-
30 land fish and game laws and upon conviction of the person or
31 persons from whom they were seized, they shall be sold, the
32 proceeds from such sale to be paid to the treasurer of state.'