

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 259

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fish and Game and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holley of North Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section forty-six, Chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen, relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals.

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

Section forty-six of Chapter thirty-three of the Revised
2 Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen is hereby amended by
3 substituting for the words "the thirty-first day of the fol-
4 lowing October" wherever they may appear in said section,
5 the words 'fifteenth day of the following October,' so that
6 said section shall be amended to read as follows:

'Sect. 46. Closed season on fur-bearing animals, excep-
2 tions, nineteen hundred thirteen, c. 206, 40. 1915, c. 334.
3 Whoever from the first day of March to the fifteenth day
4 of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps,
5 kills, pursues, or catches any fur-bearing animals excepting
6 bears, muskrats, bobcats, beaver, loup cervier, Canadian lynx,
7 and weasles, or whoever, from the first day of May to the
8 fifteenth day of the following October, both days inclusive,
9 hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches, any muskrat, shall pay
10 a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense, and in addi-
11 tion thereto three dollars for each fur bearing animal
12 hunted, trapped, killed, pursued or caught in violation
13 hereof, or whoever at any time, hunts, traps, kills, pur-
14 sues, catches, or has in his possession any beaver, or part
15 thereof, except as provided in the preceding section, shall
16 pay a fine of one hundred dollars and costs for each of-
17 fense. It shall be unlawful to set a trap within twenty-
18 five feet of a muskrat house under penalty of ten dollars
19 and costs for each offense. The foregoing provisions shall
20 not apply to fur-bearing animals artificially propagated and
21 under control of the owner. Provided, however, that any
22 person may lawfully kill any wild animal, other than
23 beaver, or any wild bird found destroying his property.'