

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 549

House of Representatives, March 13, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears
killed in the State.

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

Section 1. A bounty of five dollars for each and every
2 bear killed in this state shall be paid to the person killing the
3 same. If the animal is killed in a town or plantation, the
4 bounty shall be paid by the treasurer thereof; if the animal is
5 killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty shall be paid by
6 the treasurer of an adjoining town or plantation, if any,
7 otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town or plantation.

Sect. 2. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant, with-

2 in ten days after he has killed such animal, or has returned
 3 from the hunting, in which he killed it, exhibits to the town
 4 treasurer the entire skin of the animal for the killing of
 5 which such bounty is claimed, with the nose thereof in as
 6 perfect a state as when killed, excepting natural decay, and
 7 signs and makes oath to a certificate, which oath said treas-
 8 urer may administer, in which he shall state that he killed
 9 such animal, and the time and place, showing it to be within
 10 the county; and the treasurer shall thereupon cut off the
 11 whole nose from such skin and entirely destroy it by burn-
 12 ing; then he shall pay the bounty and take the claimant's re-
 13 ceipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificate.
 14 The town treasurer shall immediately make upon the same
 15 paper a certificate made under oath addressed to the treas-
 16 urer of state, that he first cut off the nose from the skin and
 17 destroyed it by burning, and then paid said bounty to the
 18 claimant.

Sect. 3. Said certificate and receipts shall be transmitted
 2 to the treasurer of state monthly and by him laid before the
 3 governor and council as early as convenient; and when
 4 allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state to
 5 such town.

Sect. 4. The certificate shall be in the following form:

Claimant's Certificate.

To the treasurer of _____ I hereby certify that on the
 2 _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____, at _____, in the
 3 counties of Washington and Hancock and state of Maine I

4 killed the bear the skin of which I now exhibit to you; and
5 I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

2 _____ Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year
2 aforesaid.

3 _____ Treasurer of _____
Claimant's Receipt.

On this _____ day _____ of _____, A.D. 19____,

2 I received of _____, Treasurer of _____,

3 _____, five dollars, being the bounty allowed by law

4 for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

5 _____, Claimant.

Treasurer's Certificate.

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first cut off the
2 whole nose from the skin of the bear described in the fore-
3 going certificate and destroyed the same by burning, and
4 then paid the said _____ the bounty for which I
5 have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year afore-
2 said.

3 _____, Justice of the Peace.