

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 194

H. D. No. 36

House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flint of Monson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals.

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

Section fifty of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters two hundred and nineteen and two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by chapter one hundred and five and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and six nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 50. Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-bearing animal or animals, except bobcats, loupcevrier, Canada lynx or bears, anywhere in the state, shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner of inland fish-

5 eries and game, paying therefor a fee of ten dollars for
6 such hunting or trapping in the unorganized townships of
7 the state, and five dollars for such hunting or trapping
8 within the limits of the cities, towns and plantations in the
9 state; provided, further, that whoever hunts, captures or
10 traps any beaver in any territory anywhere in the state
11 opened to beaver trapping by said commissioner shall pay
12 therefor a fee of twenty-five dollars annually. The pro-
13 visions of this section shall not be construed as applying
14 to minors under sixteen years of age who desire to hunt
15 or trap fur-bearing animals except beaver (for which a
16 twenty-five dollar trapping license is required) in any of
17 the organized townships of the state, nor as affecting the
18 right of a bona fide resident of this state, or his immediate
19 family, to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals (except beaver)
20 in accordance with the laws of the state, without such trap-
21 ping license, on land owned by him or on land leased by
22 him and on which he is actually domiciled, within the limits
23 of an organized township, and which land is used exclu-
24 sively for agricultural purposes.'

'Each person licensed under the provisions of this section
2 shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December of each
3 year, make such report to said commissioner as may be
4 called for by him.

'Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-bearing animal,
2 or animals, except bobcats, Canada lynx, or bears, anywhere
3 in the state, in violation of any provision of this section

4 shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than
5 one hundred dollars and costs for each offense. Whoever
6 has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal, or
7 part or parts thereof, except bobcats, loup cervier, Canada
8 lynx, or bears, taken in violation of any provision of this
9 section, shall be subject to the same penalty.

‘Provided, however, that whoever hunts, captures or traps
2 any beaver anywhere in the state, in violation of any pro-
3 vision of this section shall pay a fine of one hundred dol-
4 lars and costs for each offense. Whoever has in possession
5 any beaver at any time, or part or parts thereof, taken in
6 violation of any provision of this section, shall be subject
7 to the same penalty.’