

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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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.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Create a Closed Season on Bear, to Repeal the  
Provisions of Law as to Bounties on the Same, and to Amend  
Certain Sections of the Laws Relating to Bear.

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

Section 1. There shall be an annual closed season on bear  
2 in all the counties of the state, from December first of each  
3 year to September thirtieth of the following year, both days  
4 inclusive, during which said closed season it shall be unlaw-  
5 ful to hunt, chase, catch or kill any bear or have in posses-  
6 sion any part or parts thereof, whenever or wherever taken,  
7 caught or killed. A person lawfully killing a bear in open  
8 season shall have a reasonable time in which to transport

9 the same to his home, and may have the same in possession  
10 at his home in closed season.

Sect. 2. Chapter two hundred and fifteen, public laws of  
2 nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter one  
3 hundred and fifteen, public laws of nineteen hundred and  
4 twenty-one, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. Section forty-six, chapter two hundred and nine-  
2 teen, public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as  
3 amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-three, public  
4 laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, chapter two hundred  
5 and eighteen, public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-  
6 one, and chapter two hundred and fourteen, public laws of  
7 nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by  
8 striking out the word "bears" in the third line thereof, so  
9 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Whoever from the first day of March to the thirty-first  
2 day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts,  
3 traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing animal (ex-  
4 cept muskrats, beaver, bob-cats, loup-cervier, Canada lynx  
5 and weasels) or whoever from the first day of May to  
6 the thirtieth day of the following November, both days in-  
7 clusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any musk-  
8 rat or muskrats in the county of Androscoggin, Cumber-  
9 land, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo or Knox,  
10 or whoever from the fifteenth day of May to the thirty-  
11 first day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts,  
12 traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat or muskrats in  
13 the county of Washington, Hancock, Aroostook, Penobscot,

14 Piscataquis, Franklin or Oxford, or whoever from the  
15 first day of May to the fourteenth day of the following  
16 October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or  
17 catches any muskrat or muskrats in the county of Somerset,  
18 or whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing  
19 animal or parts thereof taken in closed season shall pay a  
20 fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense and in addi-  
21 tion thereto three dollars for each fur-bearing animal hunted,  
22 trapped, killed, pursued, caught or had in possession in vio-  
23 lation hereof.'

Sect. 4. Section fifty, chapter two hundred and nineteen,  
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended  
3 by chapter one hundred and ninety-six, public laws of nine-  
4 teen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking  
5 out the word "bears" in the second line thereof, so that said  
6 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 50. Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-bear-  
2 ing animals, except bob-cats, loup-cervier or Canada lynx,  
3 in any of the unorganized townships of the state shall an-  
4 nually procure a license therefor from the commissioner of  
5 inland fisheries and game, paying therefor a fee of ten dol-  
6 lars.

Provided, further, that whoever hunts, captures or traps  
2 any beaver in any territory opened to beaver trapping by  
3 said commissioner shall pay therefor a fee of twenty-five  
4 dollars annually. Each person licensed under the provisions  
5 of this section shall, on or before the fifteenth day of Decem-  
6 ber of each year, make such report to said commissioner as

7 may be called for by him. Whoever violates any provision  
8 of this section shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars and  
9 costs for each offense.'