

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 1052**

**H. D. No. 268**

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House of Representatives, March 5, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Flint from Committee on Inland Fisheries  
and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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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** Relating to the Trapping of Fur-Bearing Animals.

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

Section fifty of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the  
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended  
3 by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws  
4 of nineteen hundred and seventeen and by chapter one hun-  
5 dred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred  
6 and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said  
7 section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 50. Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-  
2 bearing animal, or animals, except bobcats, loupceviers or  
3 Canada Lynx, anywhere in the state, shall annually procure

4 a license therefor from the commissioner of inland fisheries  
5 and game, paying therefor a fee of ten dollars for such  
6 hunting or trapping provided, however, that the annual fee  
7 for such hunting or trapping within the limits of the cities,  
8 towns and plantations of the state shall be five dollars; pro-  
9 vided, further, that whoever hunts, captures or traps any  
10 beaver on any land anywhere in the state opened to beaver  
11 trapping by said commissioner shall pay therefor a fee of  
12 twenty-five dollars annually. The provisions of this sec-  
13 tion shall not be construed as applying to minors under six-  
14 teen years of age who desire to hunt or trap fur-bearing  
15 animals except beaver (for which a twenty-five dollar trap-  
16 ping license is required) in any of the organized townships  
17 of the state, nor as affecting the right of a bona fide resident  
18 of this state, or his immediate family, to hunt or trap fur-  
19 bearing animals (except beaver) in accordance with the  
20 laws of the state, without such trapping license, on land  
21 owned by him or on land leased by him and on which he is  
22 actually domiciled within the limits of an organized town-  
23 ship, and which land is used exclusively for agricultural  
24 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, anywhere in the State, in violation of any pro-  
3 vision of this section, or whoever fails to file the annual  
4 report required by this section, shall pay a fine of not less  
5 than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and  
6 costs for each offense. Whoever has in possession at any  
7 time any fur-bearing animal, or part or parts thereof, taken  
8 in violation of any provision of this section shall be subject  
9 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 not less than one  
4 hundred dollars and costs for each offense. Whoever has  
5 in possession at any time any beaver or part or parts thereof,  
6 taken in violation of any provision of this section, shall be  
7 subject to the same penalty.’