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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 536

S. D. No. 228

In Senate, March 17, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Crafts from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

The first paragraph of section forty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred

- 3 and seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and
- 4 thirty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
- 5 nineteen, and as amended by chapter two hundred and
- 6 eighteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
- 7 one, and as amended by chapter two hundred and fourteen
- 8 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is
- 9 hereby amended by striking out all of said paragraph and
- 10 by substituting therefor the following paragraph:

'Sect. 46. Whoever, from the first day of March to the 2 fifteenth day of the following October, both days inclusive, 3 hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing ani-4 mal (except bears, muskrats, beaver, bobcats, loupcervier, 5 Canada lynx and weasels), or whoever from the first day of 6 May to the thirtieth day of the following November, both 7 days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any 8 muskrat or muskrats in the county of Androscoggin, Cum-9 berland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo or 10 Knox, or whoever from the fifteenth day of May to the II fifteenth day of the following October, both days inclusive, 12 hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat or musk-13 rats in the county of Washington, Hancock, Aroostook, 14 Penobscot, Piscataquis, Franklin, Somerset or Oxford, or 15 whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing an-16 imal or part or parts thereof taken in closed season shall 17 pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense and in 18 addition thereto three dollars for each fur-bearing animal 19 hunted, trapped, killed, pursued, caught or had in poses-20 sion in violation hereof. Provided, however, that for a 21 period of three years from July seventh, A. D. nineteen 22 hundred and twenty-five, it shall be unlawful, under the 23 same penalty, for any person to hunt, trap or pursue any 24 muskrat or muskrats on Cobbosseecontee Stream, or on 25 any tributary to said stream, from the outlet of Cobbossee-26 contee Lake to the reservoir dam at the New Mills, so-27 called, in the city of Gardiner, which waters are situated

28 partly in the county of Kennebec and partly in the county 29 of Sagadahoc, except during the month of April of each 30 year. It shall also be unlawful, under the same penalty, for 31 any person to have in possession at any time any muskrat 32 or muskrats taken in the portion of Cobbosseecontee Stream 33 above named, or in any tributary to said stream, in violation 34 of any provision of this act.'