

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 192

H. P. 711

House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Chapter eighty-seven of the public laws of one thousand
2 nine hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking
3 out the words "first day of March to the fifteenth" in first
4 line of section forty-six thereof, and substituting in place
5 of such words stricken out the following words, 'fifteenth
6 day of February to the thirty-first'; and by striking out the
7 word "fifteenth" in the eighth line of said section forty-six,
8 and substituting for such word stricken out the following
9 words, 'thirty-first'; so that said section forty-six of said
10 chapter eighty-seven of the public laws of one thousand

11 nine hundred and twenty-five, exclusive of the editorial
12 heading, as hereby amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 46. Whoever, from the fifteenth day of February
2 to the thirty-first day of the following October, both days
3 inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-
4 bearing animal (except bears, muskrats, beaver, bobcats,
5 loup cervier, Canada lynx and weasels), or whoever from
6 the first day of May to the thirtieth day of the following
7 November, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues
8 or catches any muskrat or muskrats in the county of Andro-
9 scoggin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln,
10 Waldo or Knox, or whoever from the fifteenth day of May
11 to the thirty-first day of the following October both days
12 inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat
13 or muskrats in the county of Washington, Hancock, Aroos-
14 took, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Franklin, Somerset or Oxford,
15 or whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing
16 animal 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 possession
20 in violation hereof. Provided, however, that for a period
21 of three years from July seventh, nineteen hundred and
22 twenty-five, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty,
23 for any person to hunt, trap or pursue any muskrat or
24 muskrats on Cobbosseecontee stream, or on any tributary
25 to said stream, from the outlet of Cobbosseecontee lake to

26 the reservoir dam at the New Mills, so-called, in the city
27 of Gardiner, which waters are situated partly in the county
28 of Kennebec and partly in the county of Sagadahoc, except
29 during the month of April of each year. It shall also be
30 unlawful, under the same penalty for any person to have
31 in possession at any time any muskrat or muskrats taken in
32 the portion of Cobbosseecontee stream above named, or in
33 any tributary to said stream, in violation of any provision
34 of this act.'