

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 350**

H. P. 234

House of Representatives, Mar. 9, 1927.

Read once under suspension of rules. House Amendment "A" offered. Mr. Flint moved amendment be indefinitely postponed. Amendment was tabled by Mr. Wing of Auburn pending the above motion, the bill and amendment ordered printed. Tomorrow assigned.

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-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of a Bounty on Bears  
Killed in the State.

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

Section 1. A bounty of ten dollars for each and every  
2 bear killed in this state shall be paid to the person killing the  
3 same. If the animal is killed in a town or plantation, the  
4 bounty shall be paid by the treasurer thereof; if the animal  
5 is killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty shall be paid  
6 by the treasurer of an adjoining town or plantation, if any,  
7 otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town or plantation.

Sect. 2. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant,

2 within ten days after he has killed such animal, or has re-  
 3 turned from the hunting, in which he killed it, exhibits to  
 4 the town treasurer the entire skin of the animal for the  
 5 killing of which such bounty is claimed, with the nose there-  
 6 of in as perfect a state as when killed, excepting natural  
 7 decay, and signs and makes oath to a certificate, which oath  
 8 said treasurer may administer, in which he shall state that  
 9 he killed such animal, and the time and place, showing it  
 10 to be within the county; and the treasurer shall thereupon  
 11 cut off the whole nose from such skin and entirely destroy  
 12 it by burning; then he shall pay the bounty and take the  
 13 claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such  
 14 certificate. The town treasurer shall immediately make upon  
 15 the same paper a certificate made under oath addressed to  
 16 the treasurer of state, that he first cut off the nose from the  
 17 skin and destroyed it by burning, and then paid said bounty  
 18 to the claimant.

Sect. 3. Said certificate and receipts shall be transmitted to  
 2 the treasurer of state monthly, and by him laid before the  
 3 governor and council as early as convenient; and when al-  
 4 lowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state to  
 5 such town.

Sect. 4. The certificate shall be in the following form:

Claimant's Certificate

To the treasurer of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby certify that on the  
 2 day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ in the county  
 3 of \_\_\_\_\_ and state of Maine, I killed the bear, the

4 skin of which I now exhibit to you; and I claim the bounty  
5 allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_ .  
\_\_\_\_\_, Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year  
2 aforesaid.

\_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer of

Claimant's Receipt

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_, I received  
2 of \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer of \_\_\_\_\_, ten dollars,  
3 being the bounty allowed by law for killing the bear de-  
4 scribed in the above certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_, Claimant.

Treasurer's Certificate

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first cut off the  
2 whole nose from the skin of the bear described in the fore-  
3 going certificate and destroyed the same by burning, and  
4 then paid the said \_\_\_\_\_, the bounty for which I  
5 have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_ .

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year afore-  
2 said.

\_\_\_\_\_, Justice of the Peace.

Sect. 5. The bounty so paid by the state treasurer shall  
2 be taken from the fees received from the licenses of dogs,  
3 in the state of Maine, and so much of the fees received for

4 dog licenses as may be necessary to pay said bounties, is  
5 hereby appropriated to pay the same.

Sect. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the  
2 provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

HOUSE AMENDMENT A TO HOUSE PAPER 234

Amend section one by inserting after the word "in" in the  
2 second line thereof the words 'any town or plantation in  
3 this state or in any unorganized township adjacent to any  
4 town or plantation.'

Amend section two of said house paper two hundred and  
2 thirty-four by inserting after the word "county" in the ninth  
3 line thereof the words 'if the bear is killed within the limits  
4 of an adjacent unorganized township claim for bounty shall  
5 be made before the treasurer of an adjacent town or plan-  
6 tation.'