

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 542

In Senate, March 28, 1927.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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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 Relating to the Protection of Wild Hares or Rabbits.

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

Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as  
3 amended by chapter fifty-three of the public laws of nine-  
4 teen hundred and twenty-three, and as amended by chapter  
5 sixty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twen-  
6 ty-five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-  
7 tion and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 49. There shall be an annual closed season on wild  
2 hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagada-  
3 hoc and York during the months of March, April, May,

4 June, July, August and September of each year, and in  
5 the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penob-  
6 scot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec,  
7 Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Cumberland during the months  
8 of April, May, June, July, August and September of each  
9 year, during which respective closed seasons it shall be un-  
10 lawful for any person to hunt, kill, catch, pursue or have  
11 any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall set or use any snare or snares, trap or  
2 traps, or any other device in the hunting, pursuing or kill-  
3 ing of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt or kill the same in  
4 any manner except in the ordinary method of shooting with  
5 guns in the usual manner; provided, however, it shall be  
6 lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps  
7 during the open seasons provided in this section. Provided,  
8 further, it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation  
9 to transport or offer for transportation at any time any  
10 dead wild hares or rabbits beyond the limits of the state  
11 of Maine. The provisions of this section shall not be con-  
12 strued to prohibit the holder of a non-resident hunting  
13 license, issued in accordance with the provisions of section  
14 fifty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the pub-  
15 lic laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended,  
16 from transporting to his home dead wild hares or rabbits  
17 which he has legally killed by virtue of his said non-resi-  
18 dent hunting license, upon presentation of said wild hares  
19 or rabbits and his hunting license to the agent of a trans-  
20 portation company or to an inspector appointed by the de-

21 partment of inland fisheries and game to inspect game ship-  
22 ments, and having an official transportation tag attached  
23 thereto, after being identified by said transportation agent  
24 or game inspector as the holder of said license. Provided,  
25 further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in  
26 possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rab-  
27 bits taken in closed season or by any method or with any  
28 device prohibited by this act. Whoever violates any pro-  
29 vision of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and  
30 costs for each offense, and five dollars additional for each  
31 snare or trap or other illegal device set or used in violation  
32 of any provision of this section, and one dollar additional  
33 for each wild hare or rabbit taken, killed, caught or had  
34 in possession in violation of any provision of this section.'