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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 12

H. P. 32 House of Representatives, Jan. 16, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. St. Clair of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals.

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

The first paragraph of section fifty of chapter two hun-

- 2 dred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred
- 3 and seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and
- 4 forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and sev-
- 5 enteen, and by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the
- 6 public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chap-
- 7 ters fifty-five and seventy of the public laws of nineteen
- 8 hundred and twenty-five, and by chapter one hundred nine-
- 9 ty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-

10 seven, is amended by adding thereto the following: 'Noth-11 ing in this act shall be construed as requiring the special 12 licenses above provided in the hunting of foxes and rabbits 13 with hounds for recreation,' so that said paragraph shall 14 read as follows:

Licenses required for trapping bobcats, loupcervier and 2 Canada lynx; no exceptions. 'Whoever hunts, captures or 3 traps any fur-bearing animal, or animals, anywhere in the 4 state, shall annually procure a license therefor from the 5 commissioner of inland fisheries and game, paying therefor 6 a fee of ten dollars for such hunting or trapping; provided, 7 however, that the annual fee for such hunting or trapping 8 within the limits of the cities, towns and plantations of the 9 state shall be five dollars; provided, further, that whoever 10 hunts, captures or traps any beaver on any land anywhere II in the state opened to beaver trapping by said commissioner 12 shall pay therefor a fee of twenty-five dollars annually. 13 The provisions of this section shall not be construed as 14 applying to minors under sixteen years of age who desire 15 to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals except beaver (for 16 which a twenty-five dollar trapping license is required) in 17 any of the organized townships of the state, nor as affect-18 ing the right of a bona fide resident of this state, or his 19 immediate family, to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals (ex-20 cept beaver) in accordance with the laws of the state, with-21 out such trapping license on land owned by him or on land 22 leased by him and on which he is actually domiciled within

23 the limits of an organized township, and which land is used 24 exclusively for agricultural purposes. Nothing in this act 25 shall be construed as requiring the special licenses above 26 provided in the hunting of foxes and rabbits with hounds 27 for recreation.'