

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Perham of Paris.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of a Bounty on Bears  
in Towns Where Damage is Being Caused to Valuable  
Domestic Animals.

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

Section 1. When bear are destroying sheep, cattle or any  
2 kind of valuable domestic animals in any town or planta-  
3 tion in the state of Maine and causing damages to said  
4 town, then, by petition of the selectmen of any town or  
5 plantation so damaged, to the Department of Inland Fish-  
6 eries and Game a bounty (stated in Section two) shall be

7 placed on bear in said town or plantation. This bounty  
8 shall be in effect until requested otherwise by the selectmen  
9 or automatically stops on account of no claims for bounty  
10 from said town or plantation during any two consecutive  
11 years.

Sect. 2. A bounty of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each and  
2 every bear killed in said towns or plantations in the state of  
3 Maine, shall be paid to persons killing the same. These  
4 bounties shall be paid by the treasurer of said towns or  
5 plantations.

Sect. 3. 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 animal or (the skin of the  
5 animal) for the killing of which such bounty is claimed,  
6 with the nose thereof in as perfect a state as when killed,  
7 excepting natural decay, and signs and makes oath to a  
8 certificate, which oath said treasurer may administer, in  
9 which he shall state that he killed such animal, and the time  
10 and place showing it to be within the town; and then the  
11 treasurer shall cut off the whole nose from such animal or  
12 skin of animal and immediately burn it; then he shall pay  
13 the bounty and take claimant's receipt therefor upon the  
14 same paper with such certificate. The town treasurer shall  
15 make upon the same paper, at time of monthly report, a  
16 certificate made under oath addressed to the treasurer of  
17 State, that he first cut off the nose of the animal or skin

18 of animal and destroyed it by burning, and then paid said  
19 bounty to the claimant.

Sect. 4. Said certificates and receipts shall be transmitted  
2 to the treasurer of the State monthly and by him presented  
3 to the Governor and Council as early as convenient and  
4 when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of  
5 State.

Sect. 5. 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 town or plantation  
3 of the state of Maine, I killed the bear, the skin of which  
4 I now exhibit to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by  
5 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 of  
2 Treasurer of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, being the bounty allowed  
3 by law for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

4 ..... Claimant.

5 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 have  
5 taken his receipt as above.

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

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

..... Justice of the Peace.

Sect. 6. The bounty so paid by the State Treasurer shall  
2 be taken from the licenses of dogs in the state of Maine,  
3 and so much of the fees received for dog licenses as may  
4 be necessary to pay said bounties is hereby appropriated to  
5 pay the same.

Sect. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the  
2 provisions hereof are hereby repealed.