

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 59

H. P. 134

House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 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. MacKinnon of Mexico.

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 :

Section fifty of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended
3 by chapter one hundred ninety-nine of the public laws of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
6 tuting therefor the following section :

‘Sect. 50. Whoever traps any fur-bearing animal, or ani-
2 mals, anywhere in the state, shall annually procure a license
3 therefor from the commissioner of inland fisheries and
4 game, paying therefor a fee of ten dollars for such trapping

5 provided, however, that the annual fee for such trapping
6 within the limits of the cities, towns and plantations of the
7 state shall be five dollars; provided, further, that whoever
8 traps any beaver on any land anywhere in the state opened
9 to beaver trapping by said commissioner shall pay therefor
10 a fee of twenty-five dollars annually. The provisions of
11 this section shall not be construed as applying to minors
12 under sixteen years of age who desire to trap fur-bearing
13 animals except beaver (for which a twenty-five dollar trap-
14 ping license is required) in any of the organized townships
15 of the state, nor as affecting the right of a bona fide resident
16 of this state, or his immediate family, to trap fur-bearing
17 animals (except beaver) in accordance with the laws of the
18 state, without such trapping license on land owned by him
19 or on land leased by him and on which he is actually domi-
20 ciled within the limits of an organized township, and which
21 land is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

‘Each person licensed under the provisions of this section
2 shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December of each
3 year, make such report to said commissioner as may be
4 called for by him.

‘Whoever traps any fur-bearing animal, or animals, any-
2 where in the state, in violation of any provision of this sec-
3 tion, or whoever fails to file the annual report required by
4 this section, shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor
5 more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.
6 Whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing ani-

7 mal, or part or parts thereof, taken in violation of any pro-
8 vision of this section shall be subject to the same penalty.

‘Provided, however, that whoever traps any beaver any-
2 where in the state, in violation of any provision of this sec-
3 tion, shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars
4 and costs for each offense. Whoever has in possession at
5 any time any beaver or part or parts thereof, taken in vio-
6 lation of any provision of this section, shall be subject to
7 the same penalty.’