

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 203

H. P. 666. House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 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. Farrington of Jay.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals.

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

Section forty-six, chapter two hundred nineteen, public
2 laws one thousand nine hundred seventeen, as amended by
3 chapter one hundred thirty-three, public laws of one thou-
4 sand nine hundred nineteen, as amended by chapter two
5 hundred eighteen, public laws of one thousand nine hun-
6 dred twenty-one, as amended by chapter two hundred four-
7 teen, public laws one thousand nine hundred twenty-three,
8 as amended by chapter eighty-seven, public laws one thou-
9 sand nine hundred twenty-five, and as amended by chap-
10 ter one hundred eighty-four, public laws, one thousand nine

11 hundred twenty-seven, is hereby further amended by strik-
12 ing out the word "Franklin," in the ninth line of said sec-
13 tion, and by inserting the word 'Franklin' in the twelfth
14 line of said section after the word "Androscoggin," and
15 by inserting after the word "Oxford" in the seventy-fourth
16 line of said section the words 'and also in the towns of
17 Jay, Wilton, Chesterville and Temple, in the county of
18 Franklin,' so that said section as amended shall read as
19 follows:

'Sec. 46. Whoever, from the fifteenth day of February
2 to the thirty-first day of the following October, both days
3 inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-
4 bearing animal (except bears, muskrat, beaver, bobcats,
5 loupervier or Canada lynx, weasels and foxes), or who-
6 ever, from the fifteenth day of February to the fifteenth
7 day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts,
8 traps, kills, pursues or catches any fox or foxes, in the
9 county of Aroostook, Penobscot, Washington, Hancock,
10 Piscataquis, Somerset or Oxford, or whoever from the fif-
11 teenth day of February to the thirty-first day of the fol-
12 lowing October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pur-
13 sues or catches any fox or foxes, in the county of Andros-
14 coggin, Franklin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec,
15 Lincoln, Waldo or Knox, or whoever, from the first day of
16 May to the thirtieth day of the following November, both
17 days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any
18 muskrat or muskrats in the county of Androscoggin, Cum-

19 berland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo or
20 Knox, or whoever, from the fifteenth day of May to the
21 thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclu-
22 sive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat or
23 muskrats in the county of Washington, Hancock, Aroos-
24 took, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Franklin, Somerset or Ox-
25 ford, or whoever has in possession at any time any fur-
26 bearing animal or part or parts thereof taken in closed sea-
27 son shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense,
28 and in addition thereto three dollars for each fur-bearing
29 animal hunted, trapped, killed, pursued, caught or had in
30 possession in violation hereof.

Provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same
2 penalty, for any person to hunt, trap or pursue any musk-
3 rat or muskrats on Cobbosseecontee Stream, or on any trib-
4 utary to said stream, from the outlet of Cobbosseecontee
5 Lake to the reservoir dam at the New Mills, so-called, in
6 the city of Gardiner, which waters are situated partly in
7 the county of Kennebec and partly in the county of Saga-
8 dahoc, except during the month of April of each year; pro-
9 vided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty,
10 for any person to hunt, kill, trap, pursue or catch any
11 muskrat or muskrats at any time from the first day of May
12 of each year to the fifteenth day of March of the following
13 year, both days inclusive, in the Sebasticook river, in the
14 county of Penobscot, or in the East Branch, so-called, of
15 said river, or in the West Branch, so-called, of said river;

16 provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same
17 penalty, for any person to take, catch, trap, kill, or destroy
18 any muskrat or muskrats at any time in Lower Kezar pond,
19 in the town of Fryeburg in the county of Oxford, and in
20 the town of Bridgton in the county of Cumberland, or in
21 the outlet stream of said Lower Kezar pond, or in the Kezar
22 Meadows, so-called, adjacent to said pond (which meadows
23 are bounded by the outlet stream of said pond, by the Old
24 Saco river, by the "Uplands," so-called, and by the "Up-
25 land" on the easterly side of said meadows) or in the east
26 bog, so-called, or in the west bog, so-called, bounded by the
27 "Uplands," and on the westerly side by a wire fence on land
28 owned by E. C. Buzzell; except that it shall be lawful to
29 take muskrats within said territory in the usual manner of
30 trapping, in accordance with the general statutes of the
31 state, during the months of March and April of each year;
32 provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same
33 penalty, for any person to hunt, trap, kill, pursue or catch
34 any muskrat or muskrats at any time in Songo river, a trib-
35 utary to Sebago lake, which lake is situated in the county
36 of Cumberland, or in Crooked river, also a tributary to said
37 Sebago lake, up as far as Edes Falls bridge; provided, fur-
38 ther, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any
39 person to have in possession at any time any muskrat or
40 muskrats, or part or parts thereof, taken in closed season
41 in any of the above named waters.

Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to

2 set a trap at any time within twenty-five feet of, or to mo-
3 lest or destroy a muskrat house, under a penalty of ten dol-
4 lars and costs for each offense.

Whoever at any time hunts, traps, kills, pursues, catches,
2 or has in possession any beaver, or part or parts thereof, ex-
3 cept as provided in the preceding section, or whoever, at
4 any time, molests or destroys a beaver house, or sets a trap
5 within twenty-five feet thereof, shall pay a fine of one hun-
6 dred dollars and costs for each offense, or be imprisoned
7 not exceeding sixty days, or be subject to both said fine and
8 imprisonment.

Provided, however, that any person may lawfully kill any
2 wild animal (other than beaver) or any wild bird found
3 destroying his property.

Provided, further, that it shall be lawful to hunt, catch,
2 pursue and kill skunks and raccoons at night with dog or
3 gun from the first day of October of each year to the fif-
4 teenth day of the following December, both days inclusive,
5 in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec,
6 Sagadahoc, York, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Oxford, and
7 also in the towns of Jay, Wilton, Chesterville and Temple,
8 in the county of Franklin.'