

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 682

H. P. 1650 House of Representatives, March 18, 1929.

Reported by Mr. Wright of Bath from Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game and Agriculture jointly and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. When bear are destroying sheep, cattle or any
2 other kind of valuable domestic animals in any town, plan-
3 tation or unincorporated place and if compensation there-
4 for is paid subsequent to July first, nineteen hundred
5 twenty-eight, the assessors of such town or plantation, may
6 petition the commissioner of inland fisheries and game for
7 authority to place a bounty on bears killed within such town

8 or plantation or in any adjoining town, plantation or unin-
9 corporated place or places, (and in the case of unincor-
10 porated places, a similar petition may be filed by the as-
11 sessors of any adjoining town or of the nearest incorporated
12 town where there are none adjoining, to place a bounty on
13 bears killed within such unincorporated place.) Upon re-
14 ceipt of the petition from the assessors, the commissioner
15 of inland fisheries and game shall give due notice and hold
16 a hearing. Unless said hearing discloses that damages to
17 valuable domestic animals are not being caused by bear, the
18 commissioner shall authorize such bounty to be paid as
19 hereinafter set forth, which shall continue in full force
20 until the commissioner after due notice and hearing shall
21 annul such authorization.

Sect. 2. A bounty of twenty-five dollars for each and
2 every bear killed in said towns or plantations in the state
3 of 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 twenty-four hours after he has killed such animal,
3 exhibits to the town treasurer the entire animal or (the
4 skin of the animal) for the killing of which such bounty
5 is claimed, with the nose thereof in as perfect a state as
6 when killed, and signs and makes oath to a certificate,
7 which oath said treasurer may administer, in which he shall
8 state that he killed such animal, and the time and place

9 showing it to be within the area where this bounty is
 10 authorized; and then the treasurer shall cut off the whole
 11 nose from such animal or skin of animal and immediately
 12 burn it, such treasurer shall require reasonable proof to
 13 substantiate such claim; then he shall pay the bounty and
 14 take claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with
 15 such certificate. The town treasurer shall make upon the
 16 same paper, at time of monthly report, a certificate made
 17 under oath addressed to the treasurer of state, that he first
 18 cut off the nose of the animal or skin of animal and
 19 destroyed it by burning, and then paid said bounty to the
 20 claimant.

Sect. 4. Said certificates and receipts shall be transmit-
 2 ted to the treasurer of the state monthly and by him pre-
 3 sented to the governor and council as early as convenient
 4 and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer
 5 of state.

Sect. 5. The certificate shall be in the following form:

Claimant's Certificate

To the treasurer of _____, I hereby certify that
 on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, at
 _____ in the town or plantation of the
 state of Maine, I killed the bear, the skin of which I now ex-
 hibit to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by law for kill-
 ing the same.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____.
 Claimant.

