

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 87

S. P. 209

In Senate, Feb. 5, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Douglass of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Protection of Silver, Silver Black
and Black Foxes, and Providing a Penalty.

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

Section 1. Any person owning or breeding silver, silver
2 black or black foxes shall have the same property rights
3 therein as enjoyed by owners or breeders of domestic ani-
4 mals.

Sect. 2. Whenever the owner of any premises upon which
2 silver, silver black or black foxes are being bred or raised
3 shall maintain large sign boards with the following inscrip-
4 tion painted in large letters on the side facing from the
5 enclosure: "Wild life refuge. Keep out," in such manner

6 and size as to be legible for a distance of one hundred feet,
7 at points not more than two hundred feet apart, along the
8 boundary lines of such premises, no person, without the
9 consent of such owner, shall enter said premises and ap-
10 proach within a distance of one hundred and fifty yards
11 from any point of an outer fence or enclosure within which
12 the dens or pens of such animals are located. Any person
13 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished
14 by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, or by im-
15 prisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor
16 more than six months.

Sect. 3. No person, without the permission of the owner
2 of an enclosure within which silver, silver black or black
3 foxes are kept for breeding purposes, shall enter such en-
4 closures. Any person violating the provisions of this sec-
5 tion shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hun-
6 dred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more
7 than six months.

Sect. 4. No person shall shoot, or otherwise kill, or in-
2 tentionally trap or injure any silver, silver black or black
3 fox owned by another person without the consent of the
4 owner, and ignorance of such ownership shall be no excuse
5 for such shooting, killing or intentional trapping or injury
6 of any such fox. Any person violating the provisions of
7 this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than
8 two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail
9 for not less than thirty days, nor more than six months.