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H. P. 602

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Audet of Lewiston.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Shooting of Wild Hares or Rabbits in Various Counties.

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

Shooting of wild hares or rabbits in counties of Androscoggin, Kennebec and Cumberland, regulated. Section 71 of c. 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 71. Closed time on wild hares and rabbits; snares and nets shall not be used; transportation of. There shall be an annual closed season on wild hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Cumberland and York from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of September, both inclusive, of each year, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September, both inclusive, of each year, during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or have any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall shoot more than 5 wild hares or rabbits in any one day in the counties of Androscoggin, Kennebec and Cumberland. It shall be unlawful to have wild hares or rabbits for sale in the above counties mentioned, and shall be unlawful to trap and ship wild hares or rabbits from

the state of Maine alive. It shall be unlawful for a person to let his dog run in the woods after April 1st where wild rabbits are breeding.

No person shall set or use any snare or snares, trap or traps, or any other device in the hunting of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt the same in any manner except in the ordinary method of shooting with guns; provided, however, it shall be lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps during the open season provided in this section. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport or offer for transportation at any time any dead wild hares or rabbits beyond the limits of the state of Maine. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the holder of a non-resident hunting license from transporting to his home dead wild hares or rabbits which he has legally killed by virtue of his said non-resident hunting license, upon presentation of said wild hares or rabbits and his hunting license to a transportation company or to an inspector appointed by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to inspect game shipments, and having an official transportation tag attached thereto, after being identified by said transportation agent or game inspector as the holder of said license. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken in closed season or by any method or with any device prohibited by this section.'