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H. P. 1559

House of Representatives, March 10, 1933.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

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AN ACT Reducing the Bounty on Bobcat, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx.

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**Emergency Preamble.** Whereas, at this particular period the estimated and probable revenues of the state for the ensuing 2 years will be insufficient to meet the estimated expenditures of the state, based on the requirements of the law as now existing, and

Whereas, it is imperative that all expenditures not productive of a corresponding resulting benefit to the state be curtailed at once, and

Whereas, a bounty on bobcat, loup cervier and Canada lynx is such an expenditure, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 77, amended.** Section 77 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof:

**‘Sec. 77. Bounty on bobcat, loup cervier, and Canadian lynx.** There shall be a bounty of \$10 for every bobcat, loup cervier and Canada lynx

which is killed within the state, to be paid by the treasurer of state to the person killing the same upon compliance with the following conditions. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant, within 5 days after he has killed such animal, or has returned from the hunting in which he killed it, exhibits to the town treasurer the entire skin thereof, with the ears, nose and tail thereon in as perfect a state as when killed, except natural decay, and signs a certificate under oath which said treasurer may administer, stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the state. Such certificate must be approved by and bear the signature of the warden or chief warden in whose district the animal was killed, stating that he believes the cat to have been killed at the time and place stated therein, and the treasurer shall thereupon cut off the whole of the tail from the skin and forward the same by mail to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, together with the claimant's certificate in the following form:

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE

To the treasurer of the town of.....

I hereby certify that on the.....day of.....  
 A. D., 19.....at.....in the state of Maine, I killed the bobcat, loupervier or Canada lynx, the skin of which I now exhibit to you, and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
 A. D., 19....

.....Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

Treasurer of .....

It is believed that the cat was killed at the time and place stated herein.

This.....day of.....

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Game Warden

And the treasurer of said town shall make and send at once to the commissioner a certificate in the following form:

TOWN TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

To the commissioner of inland fisheries and game:

I hereby certify that as required by law.....  
 of.....on the.....day of.....  
 A. D., 19.....at.....exhibited to me the whole of the skin of a bobcat, loupervier or Canada lynx, and signed and made oath to the following certificate:

To the treasurer of the town of.....

I hereby certify that on the.....day of.....

A. D., 19....., at.....in the state of Maine, I killed the bobcat, loup-cervier or Canada lynx, the skin of which I now exhibit to you, and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
A. D. 19.....

.....Claimant.

I further certify that I cut off the whole of the tail from the skin of the bobcat, loup-cervier or Canada lynx described in this certificate, and enclose the same herewith.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
A. D. 19.....

Treasurer of the town of.....

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.....

.....Justice of the Peace.

Upon receipt by the state auditor of a certificate from the commissioner showing that said commissioner has received the tail of the bobcat, loup-cervier or Canada lynx from the treasurer sent as aforesaid, together with said treasurer's certificate, said state auditor shall audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid forthwith by the treasurer of state to the claimant. The town treasurer for administering the oath to a claimant's certificate as above, and for forwarding the same with the tail of the animal to the commissioner shall be paid by the claimant the sum of 25 cents.'

**Emergency Clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.