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NEW DRAFT H. P. 101, L. D. 29

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relative to Open Season on Fur-Bearing Animals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 72, ¶ 1 and sub-paragraph (a) repealed. The 1st paragraph and sub-paragraph (a) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

'(a) There shall be a perpetual closed season on hunting or trapping any fur-bearing animal except wild hares and rabbits (which are protected under the provision of section 71 of this chapter) bob-cats, loupcevrier, Canada lynx; and whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal or part or parts thereof taken in closed season shall be subject to the penalties of this chapter. Except that there shall be an open season during which it shall be legal to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals in the respective counties as follows :

November 1st to February 15th.—Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Washington and York.

October 16th to February 1st.—Oxford, Penobscot and Waldo.

October 16th to February 15th.—Franklin.

November 1st to December 15th.—Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc.

November 16th to February 15th.—Foxes may be hunted with dog and gun in the counties of Lincoln and Sagadahoc.

Except that there shall be an open season on muskrats in the respective counties as follows:

March 20th to April 20th.—Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York.

April 1st to April 30th and from November 1st to November 30th.—Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Oxford and Washington.

April 15th to May 15th and from November 1st to November 30th—Aroostook.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 72, sub-paragraph (d), amended. Sub-paragraph (d) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(d) Provided, that it shall be lawful to hunt skunks and raccoons at night when accompanied by a dog and using a rifle not larger than the regular 22 caliber (the 22 caliber hi-power being hereby expressly prohibited), or a pistol of a caliber not larger than the regular 38 police positive, and a kerosene light, from the 15th day of October of each year to the 15th day of the following December, both days inclusive, only in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo, Knox, and in Oxford south of the Androscoggin river, **and in Somerset county south of Federal Highway No. 2**; provided, however, that an electric flash light of not more than 2 cells not greater in size than number 950 may be used in addition to a kerosene light while locating in and taking from a tree, raccoon treed by a dog, **and not more than 2 raccoons shall be taken by any 1 party in any 1 night.'**