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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relative to Bounty on Bears.

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 79, repealed.** Section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 79. Bounty on bears.** When bears are destroying sheep, cattle or any other kind of valuable domestic animals in any town, plantation or unincorporated place, the assessors of such town or plantation, may petition the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to place a bounty on bears killed within such town or plantation or in any adjoining town, plantation or unincorporated place or places, and in the case of unincorporated places, a similar petition may be filed by the assessors of any adjoining town or of the nearest incorporated town where there are none adjoining, to place a bounty on bears killed within such unincorporated place. Upon receipt of the petition from the assessors, the commissioner of inland fisheries and game shall give due notice and hold a hearing. If the evidence given at such hearing discloses that damage to valuable domestic animals is being caused by bears and is apt to continue, the commissioner shall authorize such bounty to be paid as hereinafter set forth, which shall con-

tinue in full force until the commissioner after due notice and hearing shall annul such authorization.

A bounty of \$20 for each and every bear killed in said towns or plantations shall be paid to persons killing the same, provided said persons have complied with all the provisions of this section. These bounties shall be paid by the treasurer of said town or plantations.

No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant within 24 hours after he has killed such animal exhibits to the town treasurer the entire skin thereof or the entire animal for the killing of which such bounty is claimed, and sign 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 fish and game warden or chief warden in whose district the animal was killed stating that he believes the bear to have been killed at the time and place stated therein and that a bounty had been declared on bear killed in that place. The skin of all bears on which bounty is claimed must be stamped and sealed by the warden or chief warden in whose district the same was killed, with implements provided by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game. The town treasurer shall then pay the bounty and take the claimants receipts therefor upon the same paper with such certificates and the town treasurer shall make upon the same paper, at the time of his monthly report, a certificate under oath addressed to the treasurer of state, that all the requirements of law have been met by the claimant and that the bounty has been paid to him. Said certificates and receipts shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state monthly, and by him presented to the governor and council as early as convenient, and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state.

The certificate shall be 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  
bear, 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 bear was killed at the time and place stated herein and that a bounty had been declared on bear killed in that place.

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

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Game Warden

CLAIMANT'S RECEIPT

On this.....day of....., A. D., 19...., I received of....., treasurer of..... dollars, being the bounty allowed by law for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

..... Claimant

TOWN TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

To the treasurer of state:

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 bear, which I found to have been stamped and sealed by a warden, and then paid the said bounty, for which I have taken his receipt as above.

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

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

.....Justice of the Peace

The bounty so paid by the treasurer of state and any expense incurred by the department of inland fisheries and game incident to the enforcement of this section, shall be taken from the fees for licenses for dogs, and so much of the fees received for dog licenses as may be necessary to pay said bounties and any expense incident thereto, is hereby appropriated to pay the same.'