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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Open Season on Fur-bearing Animals.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the poultry industry is of great and vital importance to all the people of the state, and

Whereas, in many of our counties it is impossible to carry on the poultry business without great loss, owing to the depredations of foxes; and

Whereas, in order to prevent such loss, legislation extending the open season on foxes in certain counties is immediately necessary; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

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

(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) bobcats, loupervier and 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: **(except muskrat for which open seasons are provided hereinafter, and except beaver as provided in section 73.); except that the open season on foxes in the counties of Knox and Waldo shall be from November 1st to February 15th.**

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.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.