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House of Representatives, February 9, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relative to Sale and Transportation of Wild Hares and Rabbits.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 71. Closed time on wild hares and rabbits; transportation of. There shall be a closed season on wild hares or rabbits from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of the following September, both days inclusive, except in the counties of Franklin and Somerset where there shall be a closed season from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of the following September, both days inclusive. During the open season it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, take, kill or have in possession more than 4 rabbits, taken, shot, or killed in any one day and not more than 8 rabbits so shot or killed in possession at any one time. No person shall set or use any snares or traps or use any other device in the hunting of wild hares or rabbits or hunt the same in any except the ordinary method of shooting with guns; ~~provided that box traps may be used in the counties of Hancock and Washington to take wild hares or rabbits which may be shipped alive in or beyond the limits of the state. Any person, firm or corporation who engages in buying and selling of wild hares or rabbits or trans-~~

porting the same in or beyond the limits of the state shall first procure a license so to do from the commissioner paying therefor the sum of \$10 and make on or before the last day of December, of each year a report to the commissioner stating the number of rabbits purchased, the names and addresses and dates from whom purchased and the names, addresses and dates to whom sold. Provided, however, that it shall be lawful, at any time, for the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to take and transport live hares or rabbits by purchasing live hares or rabbits from local trappers who may take the hares or rabbits by box traps for this purpose throughout the several counties of the state, whenever he may deem it necessary for the proper distribution and conservation of said animals. Provided further, however, 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 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.'