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H. P. 543

House of Representatives, January 31, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Dresden by request.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to Closed Time on 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 **and in the county of Lincoln where there shall be a closed season on hunting rabbits with dogs from the 1st day of March until the 31st day of November following, 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 1 day and not more than 8 rabbits so shot or killed in possession at any 1 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, 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, however, it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport or offer for transportation at any time any 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. 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.'