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H. P. 1567

House of Representatives, February 14, 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. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the fact that foxes have increased in the state of Maine to the extent that they cause a serious menace not only to the poultry interests of the state but also to game, especially the pheasants that are being bred and liberated by the department of inland fisheries and game; and

Whereas, considering the great loss to poultrymen, part of which amounting to 22,483 birds valued at \$18,203.73 was paid for by the state during the last 2 fiscal years; and

Whereas, a great many thousand chickens will be put on range during next May and June that will be seriously depleted by foxes; 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. The last paragraph of subparagraph (a) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The open season on all other fur-bearing animals, including raccoons, shall be from October 16th to February 15th, **except that there shall be a permanent open season on foxes.** (Bobcats, loup-cervier, Canada lynx are not fur-bearing within the meaning of this section.)'

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