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H. P. 1788

House of Representatives, February 22, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Dresden.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Providing for the Payment of Porcupine Bounties Directly by  
the State.**

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 78, amended.** Section 78 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 78** Bounty on porcupines and hedgehogs. A bounty of 25 cents for each and every porcupine, or hedgehog, so-called, killed in the state, shall be paid to the person killing it, except that in the Maine Forestry District, such bounty shall be paid only in case such animal is killed between the 15th day of October and the 1st day of April in each year, both days inclusive. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant within 2 days after he has killed such animal or has returned from the hunting, in which he killed it, exhibits to the treasurer of the town in which he killed it, the entire nose and feet thereof, in as perfect a state as when killed, and signs and makes oath before such treasurer or any other person qualified to administer oaths to a certificate, in which he shall state that he killed such animal, and the time and place showing it to be within the state; the treasurer shall thereupon entirely destroy said nose and feet by burning. Such treasurer shall immediately make upon the same paper a certificate

under oath, that he first destroyed said nose and feet by burning, and forward it in each December to the state controller, who shall audit the same and for those found correct and proper shall issue his certificate to the governor and council to that effect; and when a warrant is drawn for such bounties, they shall be paid to the claimants. The certificate shall be in the following form:

**CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE**

To the Treasurer of ....., I hereby certify that on the ..... day of ....., A. D., 19..., at ..... in the state of Maine, I killed the porcupine or hedgehog, the nose and feet 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 .....

**TREASURER'S RECEIPT**

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first destroyed by burning the nose and feet of the porcupine or hedgehog described in the foregoing certificate.

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

Not more than \$7000 a year shall be expended for porcupine bounties.