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Reported by Mr. Hanold from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Bears.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 72, amended. Subsection (c) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘(c) It shall be lawful to hunt and trap bear at any time, anywhere, in the state, ~~from October 1st to November 30th, both days inclusive, and it shall also be lawful for any farmer or owner of live stock to kill bear at any time while they are on his own property; except that bear may be legally taken, in any town, plantation or unincorporated place where a bounty has been, or may be, declared under the provisions of section 79.~~’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 79, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘A bounty of \$10 shall be paid for each and every bear killed in organized townships and plantations to the person killing the same by the treasurer of the organized township or plantation or by the treasurer of any adjoining township in which said bear was killed. These bounties shall be paid by the treasurers of said towns or plantations.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38, § 79, amended. Section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, beginning with the 3rd paragraph thereof, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'No bounty shall be paid unless claimant within 24 hours after he has killed such animal exhibits to the town treasurer the entire skin thereof or the entire animal for the killing of which such bounty is claimed, and sign a certificate under oath, which said treasurer may administer, stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the state. Such certificate must be approved by and bear the signature of the fish and game warden or ~~chief~~ warden **supervisor** in whose district the animal was killed stating that he believes the bear to have been killed at the time and place stated therein and that a bounty has been declared on bears killed in that place. The skin of all bears on which bounty is claimed must be stamped and sealed by the warden or ~~chief~~ warden **supervisor** in whose district the same was killed, with implements provided by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game. The town treasurer shall then pay the bounty and take the claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificates and the town treasurer shall make upon the same paper, at the time of his monthly report, a certificate under oath addressed to the ~~treasurer of state~~ **commissioner of inland fisheries and game**, that all the requirements of law have been met by the claimant and that the bounty has been paid to him. ~~Said certificates and receipts shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state monthly, and by him presented to the governor and council as early as convenient, and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state.~~

The certificate shall be in the following form :

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE

To the treasurer of the town of

I hereby certify that on the day of
A. D., 19.... at in the state of Maine, I
killed the bear, the skin 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

~~It is believed~~ **I believe** that the bear was killed at the time and place stated herein and that a bounty has been declared on bear killed in that place.

This day of

.....

Game Warden

CLAIMANT'S RECEIPT

On this day of A. D., 19.... I received of, treasurer of dollars, being the bounty allowed by law for killing the bear described in the above certificate.

..... Claimant

TOWN TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

To the ~~treasurer of state~~ **commissioner of inland fisheries and game.**

I hereby certify that as required by law of on the day of A. D., 19.... at exhibited to me the whole of the skin of a bear, which I found to have been stamped and sealed by a warden, and then paid the said bounty, for which I have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at this day of A. D. 19....
Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

..... Justice of the Peace

The bounty so paid by ~~the treasurer of state~~ **the town treasurer shall be reimbursed by the state out of the fees for licenses for dogs upon presentation of the claim as hereinbefore set forth** and any expense incurred by the department of inland fisheries and game incident to the enforcement of this section, shall **also** be taken from the fees for licenses for dogs, and so much of the fees received for dog licenses as may be necessary to pay said bounties and any expense incident thereto, is hereby appropriated to pay the same.'