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Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and 1000 ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McFee of Richmond.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Hunting of and Bounty for Foxes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 72, sub-§ (c), 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 **and fox** at any time, anywhere, in the state.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 75, amended. Section 75 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘**Sec. 75. Digging out raccoons, regulated.** From the 15th day of February to the 15th day of October, both days inclusive, no person shall dig out, molest, or destroy, in any way, any ~~fox or~~ raccoon den, den tree or hole, or set any trap in any such den, den tree, or hole or remove or cause to be removed from any such den, den tree or hole any ~~fox or~~ raccoon except those enclosed in private ~~fox or~~ raccoon ranches.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 79-A, to read as follows :

'Sec. 79-A. Bounty on foxes. From May 1st to September 30th, inclusive, a bounty of \$3 shall be paid for each and every fox 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 fox was killed. These bounties shall be paid by the treasurers of said towns or plantations.

No bounty shall be paid unless claimant within 24 hours after he has killed such animal exhibits to the town treasurer the entire tail thereof 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. The town treasurer shall destroy the evidence presented by the claimant after application is made for bounty. 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 commissioner of agriculture, that all the requirements of law have been met by the claimant and that the bounty has been paid to him.

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 fox, the tail 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

I believe that the fox was killed at the time and place stated herein.

This day of

.....
Town Treasurer.

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 fox described in the above certificate.
..... Claimant.

TOWN TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

To the commissioner of agriculture:

I hereby certify that as required by law of on
the day of A. D., 19.. at ex-
hibited to me the entire tail of a fox, which I found to be eligible for bounty,
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 town treasurer shall be reimbursed by the state
out of the fees for licenses for dogs upon presentation of the claim as here-
inbefore set forth and a fee of 25c for the town treasurer 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, is hereby appro-
priated to pay the same.'