

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Elliott of East Corinth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Porcupines.

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 78, additional.** Chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 78, to read as follows:

**Sec. 78. Bounty on porcupines and hedgehogs.** A bounty of 25 cents for each and every porcupine, or hedgehog, so-called, killed in any town or unincorporated place, in the state, shall be paid by the treasurer of such town 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. If the animal is killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer of an adjoining town, if any, otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town. 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 town treasurer the entire nose and feet thereof in as perfect a state as when killed, and signs and makes oath 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; then he shall pay

the bounty and take the claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificate. The town treasurer shall immediately make upon the same paper a certificate, under oath, addressed to the treasurer of state, that he first destroyed said nose and feet by burning, and then paid said bounty to the claimant. Said certificates and receipts shall annually, in December, be transmitted 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 by the treasurer of state to such towns. 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 .....

**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 porcupine or hedgehog described in the above certificate.

..... Claimant.

**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, and then paid to said..... the bounty for which I have taken his receipt as above.

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

..... Treasurer of .....