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House of Representatives, February 13, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wight of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Hunting and Trapping Seasons.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 72, sub-§ (a), amended. Subsection (a) of section 72 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘(a) There shall be a perpetual closed season on hunting or trapping any fur-bearing animal, except as provided in this chapter and whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal or part thereof taken in closed season shall be subject to the penalties of section 107. Fur-bearing animals taken in open season shall not be kept alive in closed season except under the provisions of section 9. ~~The open season on muskrats shall be as follows:~~

~~March 20th to April 20th, inclusive, in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoe, Waldo and York.~~

~~April 1st to May 10th, inclusive, in the counties of Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot (except as prohibited in section 72 C), Piscataquis, Somerset, Oxford and Washington.~~

~~April 1st to May 15th, inclusive, in the county of Aroostook.~~

~~Provided, however, that no muskrats shall be hunted or trapped in Lake Alamoosook and Dead river and its tributaries in the town of Orland and county of Hancock.~~

The open season on mink and muskrats shall be the month of November only.

There shall be no open season on fisher and sable.

~~The open season on~~ It shall be lawful to trap all other fur-bearing animals, including raccoons, but excepting bobcats, loupcevier, Canada lynx, and beaver, ~~shall be from October 16th~~ November 1st to February 15th December 31st, except that in the county of York ~~where the open season on foxes shall be from October 16th to March 1st~~ Aroostook it shall be lawful to trap such animals from October 16th to December 31st. It shall be lawful to hunt such animals with dogs or guns from October 16th to February 28th.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 72, sub-§ (c), amended. Subsection (c) of section 72 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(c) It shall be lawful to trap bear ~~or bobcats~~ at any time, anywhere, in the state, and it shall be lawful to hunt bear ~~or bobcats~~ at any time, anywhere in the state except on Sundays and in the night-time.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 33, § 72, sub-§ (c-1), additional. Section 72 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered (c-1), to read as follows:

'(c-1) It shall be lawful to trap bobcats from October 1st to March 31st and it shall be lawful to hunt bobcats with dog or gun at any time, anywhere, in the state except on Sundays and in the night-time.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 33, § 72, sub-§§ (i), (j), repealed. Subsections (i) and (j) of section 72 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 33, § 75, amended. Section 75 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 75. Digging out foxes and raccoons, regulated. From the 15th 1st day of ~~February~~ March 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.'