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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Foxes in Washington County.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 122-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 122-A, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 122-A.   Bounty on Foxes in Washington county.   A bounty of $4 shall be paid on each and every fox killed in Washington county in organized townships and plantations and unorganized townships adjoining organized townships and plantations to the person killing the same, by the treasurer of the organized township or plantation in which said fox was killed or the treasurer of any organized township or plantation adjoining the unorganized territory in which sad fox was killed. These bounties shall be paid by such treasurers.**

No bounty shall be paid unless claimant within 72 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 signs 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 warden supervisor in whose district the animal was killed stating that he believes the fox to have been killed at the time and place stated therein. The skin of all foxes on which bounty is claimed must be marked and sealed by the warden or warden supervisor in whose district the same was killed, with implements provided by the Commissioner, and such warden or warden supervisor shall slit the right ear of the fox

lengthwise. The town treasurer shall then pay the bounty and take the claim-
ant'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, 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 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 ....

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

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 fox described in the above certificate.

.... Claimant

Town Treasurer's Certificate

To the 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 fox, 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....

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Treasurer of ....

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 herein-
before set forth and any expense incurred by the department 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 expenses incident thereto, is appropriated to pay
the same.'