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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Providing for a Bounty on Porcupines.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 2-A, additional.** Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 2-A, to read as follows:

**'Bounty on porcupine.**

**Sec. 2-A. Bounty on porcupine.** A bounty of 50c shall be paid for each and every porcupine killed in organized territory of the State to the person killing the same by the treasurer of the municipality in which said porcupine was killed; provided, however, that the Commissioner of Agriculture may increase the bounty to \$1 in any municipality for a period not to exceed 3 months whenever he determines that damage by porcupine is extensive. If the bounty is increased in any municipality, the bounty on porcupines shall be suspended in such municipality for the balance of the calendar year.

No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant, within 72 hours after he has killed such animal, exhibits to the town treasurer the feet thereof and signs a certificate, which said treasurer may administer, stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the State. 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 a certificate 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.

At the end of each month a voucher containing the names of the claimants and the dates on which the bounties were paid for the previous month shall be forwarded to the game warden or the warden supervisor by the treasurer of the town for the approval of the warden or suprevisor that the porcupines were killed as claimed and that the bounties were paid thereon. This voucher shall then be forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture by the warden or warden supervisor.

The certificates 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 porcupine, the feet of which I now exhibit to you, and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same, and acknowledge receipt of said bounty.

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

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 hereinbefore 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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 10, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 10 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A fee of ~~90c~~ \$1.15 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of ~~\$4.90~~ \$5.15 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless a certificate issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture and signed by a licensed veterinarian, or previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him. When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of ~~90c~~ \$1.15 shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and tag, each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk 25c for the recording and making a return to the Commissioner of Agriculture.'