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his name and place of residence; the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor. And every person who may be such sole proprietor at the time this act takes effect, shall, within thirty days thereafter, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town where such business is being carried on, a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting out the facts before mentioned.

Sole proprietors now in business shall deposit certificate.

Section 3. The clerks of the several cities and towns shall record, in suitable books, kept exclusively for the purpose, the certificates deposited under the provisions of this act, and such books shall be kept open to public inspection. The clerk shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents for recording each of such certificates.

—certificates shall be recorded.

—fee for recording.

Section 4. Any person failing to deposit seasonably the certificate required by this act, shall be punished by a fine of five dollars for each day he is in default.

Penalty for failure to so deposit.

Section 5. No person signing and making oath to any certificate deposited as provided by this act shall be permitted, in any judicial proceeding, to contradict the statements contained in such certificate. Whoever swears or affirms to any such certificate which is not true in fact shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

—statement cannot be contradicted.

—guilty of perjury.

Approved April 1, 1915.

Chapter 277.

An Act to Correct Certain Clerical Errors in, and to Amend, Chapter Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, Relating to Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

Section 1. The first five paragraphs of section two of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, are hereby amended by striking out all of said paragraphs and by substituting therefor the following paragraphs:

Ch. 32, Sec. 2, R. S., as amended, by Ch. 206, P. L., 1913, further amended.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, there shall be an annual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch and black bass, in all the lakes and ponds of the State, as follows:

Closed season annually.

On landlocked salmon, trout and togue, from the thirtieth day of September until the ice is out of the lake or pond fished in the following spring; on white perch and black bass from the thirtieth day of September until the twentieth day of June

—on landlocked salmon, trout and togue.
—on white perch, and black bass.

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 —exception. black bass, with unbaited artificial flies only, from the time
 the ice is out of the lake or pond fished in the spring until the
 twentieth day of June following; provided, further, that in
 —Sebago lake and Long pond. Sebago lake and Long pond, in Cumberland county, the annual
 closed season on landlocked salmon, trout and black bass shall
 be from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of March
 of the following year, both days inclusive, and in Thompson
 —Thompson pond. pond, situated in Androscoggin, Cumberland and Oxford coun-
 ties, the annual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout and
 togue shall be from September first to January first of the fol-
 lowing year. But in the brooks, streams and rivers of the
 State, above tide waters, the annual closed season on trout, sal-
 mon and landlocked salmon shall be from September fifteenth
 to the time the ice is out of the brook, stream or river fished in
 the following spring; on black bass and white perch from
 September thirtieth to June twentieth of the following year.
 During the respective closed seasons on the above named fish
 no person shall fish for, take, catch or kill or have any of them in
 possession; provided, however, that no person shall in any one
 day during the respective open seasons herein provided take
 or catch and kill or have in possession at any time, more than
 fifteen pounds in all of the above named fish, unless one in-
 dividual fish caught shall weight more than fifteen pounds, or
 unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof
 to more than fifteen pounds, and provided, further, that no
 person in any one day shall take, catch and kill or have in
 possession at any time more than twenty-five fish in all of the
 above named fish even though the twenty-five fish caught and
 killed weigh less than fifteen pounds; provided, however, that
 no person or party or occupants of any one boat, canoe, raft
 or other vessel or conveyance propelled by steam, electricity,
 hand or other power shall catch by still or plug fishing, so-called,
 more than four trout and landlocked salmon in any one day,
 collectively, nor more than two trout and landlocked salmon in
 any one day, individually, in the waters of Rangeley, Richard-
 son, Mooselookmeguntic and Cupsuptic lakes, situated in the
 counties of Franklin and Oxford; provided, further, that land-
 locked salmon and trout may be caught by artificial fly until
 October first in Moose river, between Moosehead lake and
 Brassua lake, in Somerset county.

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Fishing
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 ice, how
 regulated.

It shall be unlawful to fish through the ice at any time for
 any kind of fish except as hereinafter provided; pickerel may be
 taken at any time through the ice in waters open to ice fishing
 for landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch and black bass

as hereinafter provided, but in no other waters, with not more than five set lines to each family when fishing through the ice in the day time and when under the immediate personal supervision of the person fishing, and during February and March, citizens of the State may fish for and take landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch and black bass with not more than five set lines to each family when fishing through the ice in the day time and when under the immediate personal supervision of the person fishing and may convey them to their own homes for consumption therein but not otherwise, in the following named and specified lakes, ponds and rivers, but in no other waters, namely:’

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Section 2. The seventh paragraph of section two of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said paragraph and by substituting therefor the following paragraph:

Ch. 32, Sec. 2, R. S., as amended by Ch. 206, P. L., 1913, further amended.

‘And provided further that no landlocked salmon less than twelve inches in length, no trout less than six inches in length, no black bass less than ten inches in length and no white perch less than six inches in length shall be caught and killed or had in possession by any person at any time, except that in Great, Long, East, North, Ellis, McGraw and Snow ponds, said ponds being part of the Belgrade chain of lakes, in Kennebec and Somerset counties, no trout less than ten inches or black bass less than twelve inches in length shall be caught and killed at any time; and provided, further, that no person shall take, catch and kill in any one day more than six black bass in all in either of said ponds or in Lake Kezar or in Lower Kezar pond in Oxford county.’

—minimum length of fish to be legally taken.

—exceptions.

Section 3. Section four of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by inserting the words ‘directly or indirectly’ after the word “flowing” in the third line thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Ch. 32, Sec. 4, R. S., as amended by Ch. 206, P. L., 1913, further amended.

‘Section 4. The words “tributary” and “tributaries” wherever used in this act shall be construed to mean brooks or streams flowing directly or indirectly into a lake or pond or into another brook or stream, and one great pond or lake shall not be construed as a tributary to another great pond or lake.’

The words tributary and tributaries, how defined.

Section 4. Section six of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Ch. 32, Sec. 6, R. S., as amended by Ch. 206, P. L., 1913, further amended.

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Taking of fish with fish spawn, grappnel, spear, trawl, weir, seine, trap or trap lines prohibited.
—use of dynamite prohibited.

‘Section 6. Whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills or destroys any fish, with fish spawn, or grapnel, spear, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, trap, (or set lines, except when fishing through the ice, and then with not more than five set lines to a family in the day time) or shall use any dynamite or other explosive or poisonous or stupefying substance for the purpose of destroying or taking fish, or takes any kind of fish, except suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch, as hereinafter provided, with any device or in any other way than by the ordinary mode of angling with single baited hook and line, artificial flies, artificial minnows, artificial insects, spoon hooks and spinners, so-called, shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars, and costs of prosecution, for each offense; and in addition thereto one dollar for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in possession in violation of any provision of this section; and when prohibited implements or devices are found in use or possession they are forfeit and contraband and any person finding them in use may destroy them.’

—fine.

—forfeiture of prohibited implements.

Ch. 32, Sec. 7, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Section 5. Section seven of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

—seizure of prohibited implements, when found in camp.

‘Section 7. No person shall have in possession at any time any jack light, spear, trawl, or net (except such as are authorized for the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch, as provided in section nine of this chapter) other than a dip net, in any camp, lodge or place of resort for hunters or fishermen, or in its immediate vicinity, or on any of the lakes, rivers or streams of the State, or in their immediate vicinity, in the inland territory of the State, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and costs of prosecution for each offense, and when such implements or devices are found in possession in violation of this section they are forfeit and contraband and may be seized by any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws.’

Ch. 32, Sec. 8, as amended, further amended.

Section 6. Section eight of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Smelts above tide waters may be taken.

‘Section 8. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in all the inland waters of the State above tide waters with a dip net in the usual and ordinary way, and to catch them through the ice in the day time with single hook and line at any time in

waters open to ice fishing, but they shall not be taken for sale or sold at any time except for bait for fishing in this State; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to take smelts at any time for sale in any of the tributaries to Sebago lake, with a dip net in the usual and ordinary way, and in Sebago lake, with single hook and line, during January, February and March of each year; provided, further, that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other fish usually used for bait in fishing and to sell the same for bait for fishing only in this State; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to catch white fish and cusk with single hook and line at any time, but they shall not be taken at night with set lines; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to take suckers with spears during April and May of each year.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of thirty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Section 7. Section nine of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 9. Suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch may be taken with eel pots, traps, spears or nets, in such inland waters and under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game. Said commissioners shall establish and designate by public notice the waters in which suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch may be taken as provided in this section. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill or destroy any suckers, eels, hornpouts or yellow perch, or to have in possession any of said fish, in violation of any provision of this section. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of thirty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Section 8. Section ten of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 10. No person shall transport more than fifteen pounds of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch or black bass in all in any one day, nor shall any corporation or common carrier transport more than fifteen pounds in all, of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, white perch or black bass in any one day as the property of one person, but nothing herein contained shall prevent any person, corporation or common car-

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—shall not be taken for sale, except as herein provided.

—minnows may be taken and sold for bait.

—white fish and cusk, how taken.

—suckers may be taken with spears.

—penalty for violation.

Ch. 32, Sec. 9, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Commissioners may regulate the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts, etc.

—penalty for violation.

Ch. 32, Sec. 10, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Not more than fifteen pounds of fish shall be transported by one person at one time.

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Fish accompanied by owner shall be properly labeled. —penalty for violation.

—exception.

Ch. 32, Sec. 11, R. S., as amended, further amended.

—additional.

Fish unaccompanied by owner may be transported when properly tagged by agent.

—fee for tag.

—proviso.

—penalty for violation.

rier from transporting one fish weighing more than fifteen pounds; nor shall any such be transported except in the possession of the owner thereof, plainly labeled with the owner's name and residence, and open to view, except as is provided in section eleven of this chapter. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and costs for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for every pound of fish being transported in violation of any provision of this section; and all such fish being so transported in violation of this section shall be seized and shall be forfeited to the State; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person having less than twenty-five fish weighing in all less than fifteen pounds from transporting one additional fish, nor prohibit any transportation company from transporting said additional fish under the conditions prescribed in this section for the transportation of fish.'

Section 9. Section eleven of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for each pound of fish transported in violation of any provision of this section,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 11. No landlocked salmon, trout, togue, black bass or white perch shall be carried or transported in any way except in the possession of the owner, accompanied by him, plainly labeled with the owner's name and address, and open to view, except any person who has lawfully in his possession one landlocked salmon, one trout, one togue, one black bass or one white perch, or ten pounds of any kind of these fish, may transport the same to his home or to any hospital in this State without accompanying the shipment, by purchasing of the duly constituted agent therefor a tag, paying for a landlocked salmon, trout, togue or black bass, one dollar for each, or one dollar for each ten pounds of the same, and fifty cents for one white perch or ten pounds of the same; provided, however, that no person shall, under any of these provisions, send more than one box of fish once in thirty days, except that one box of fish as aforesaid, may be sent as herein specified once in ten days by one person taking them lawfully from Moosehead lake. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than

ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars and costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto one dollar for each pound of fish transported in violation of any provision of this section.'

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Section 10. Section twenty-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Ch. 32, Sec. 23, R. S., as amended, further amended.

'Section 23. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game for the location, construction, repair and convenient operation of a fish hatchery or fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish may purchase, lease or take and hold, for and in behalf of the State, as for public uses, land and all materials in and upon it or any rights necessary for the purpose of establishing, erecting and operating fish hatcheries. For real estate so taken, the owners are entitled to damages, to be paid by the State and estimated by the county commissioners, on written application of either party, made within one year after filing the location as hereinafter provided, or if proceedings thus commenced fail for causes not affecting the merits, new ones may be commenced within one year thereafter. When the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game deem that a public exigency requires the taking of any land or rights for the purposes aforesaid; they shall cause the same to be surveyed, located, and so described that the same can be identified, and a plan thereof shall be filed in the registry of deeds in the county, (or registry district), where the land or rights are located, and there recorded. The filing of such plan and description shall vest the title to the land and right aforesaid, in the State of Maine, or its grantees to be held during the pleasure of the State. Either party if aggrieved by a decision of the county commissioners rendered in conformity with the provisions of this section, may appeal as in civil action to the Supreme Judicial court in the county in which the land is situated.'

Commissioners may take and hold land for hatcheries, etc.

—owner entitled to damages.

Plan of land shall be filed in registry of deeds.

—filing shall vest title of land.

—right of appeal by either party.

Section 11. Section twenty-six of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Ch. 32, Sec. 26, R. S., as amended, further amended.

'Section 26. Whoever shall, for the whole or any part of the time, engage in the business or occupation of fishing on any of the inland waters of the State above tide waters, for land-locked salmon, togue, trout, black bass, pickerel, or white perch, for gain or hire, shall for every such offense pay a fine of fifty

Penalty for fishing on inland waters for hire.

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—pickerel may be sold.

Ch. 32, Sec. 35, R. S., as amended, further amended.

dollars and costs. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the sale of pickerel legally taken by the person taking the same.'

Section 12. Section thirty-five of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty-first" in the fourth line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the word 'thirtieth' and by striking out the word "August" in the fifth line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the word 'September,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Annual closed season on gray squirrels.

'Section 35. There shall be an annual closed season on gray squirrels, during which closed season it shall be unlawful to shoot at, kill or have in possession, except alive, from the first day of November of each year until the thirtieth day of September of the following year, both days inclusive.

—perpetual closed season in parks, etc.

Provided, however, that there shall be a perpetual closed season on gray squirrels within all public or private parks and within the limits of the compact or built-up portion of any city or village.

—penalty for violation.

Whoever shall shoot at or kill or have in possession any gray squirrel in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not more than five dollars and costs for each offense.'

Ch. 32, Sec. 44, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Section 13. Section forty-four of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Penalty for taking birds with traps, nets, etc.

'Section 44. Whoever at any time or at any place with any trap, net, snare or contrivance other than the usual method of shooting with firearms takes any bird of any variety in anywise protected by this chapter shall pay a fine of five dollars and costs for each bird so taken, and when such prohibited implements or devices are found in possession they are forfeit and contraband and may be seized by any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws.'

Ch. 32, Sec. 50, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Section 14. Section fifty of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Penalty for hunting wild game on Sunday.

'Section 50. Sunday is a closed season, on which it is not lawful to hunt, kill or destroy any wild animals or wild birds of any kind. Whoever hunts, kills, or destroys any wild animal

or wild bird on Sunday shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than forty dollars and costs for each offense; provided, however, that if protected wild animals or wild birds are hunted, killed, destroyed or had in possession in violation of this section, the penalty shall be the same as is now imposed therefor during other closed season; but the penalties imposed for the violation of the Sunday laws of the statutes of this State are not hereby repealed or diminished.'

—proviso.

Section 15. Section fifty-five of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Ch. 32, Sec. 65, R. S., as amended, further amended.

'Section 55. It shall be unlawful for any unnaturalized foreign-born person who is not a taxpayer upon real estate within this State and who has not resided within the limits of this State for two years continuously prior to the time he desires to hunt, to hunt in any manner, at any time, or pursue, catch, kill or have in possession any wild animals or birds, within the limits of this State, unless he is annually licensed so to do as hereinafter provided.

Unnaturalized persons shall be licensed annually.

The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, upon the application of any unnaturalized foreign-born person who is a resident of any city, town or plantation within the State, and upon the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars may issue to such person a license upon a form to be supplied by them, bearing the name, age and place of residence of the licensee with a description of him as near as may be, authorizing the said licensee to hunt and kill game birds, game or other wild animals on any lands on which said hunting or killing is not forbidden by law, or by written or printed notices posted thereon by the owner, lessee or occupant thereof. Such license shall authorize the hunting or killing of game birds, game or other wild animals only in their respective open seasons and in the manner provided by law. Said licenses shall not be transferable and shall be exhibited upon demand to any of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, and to any inland fish and game warden or deputy inland fish and game warden, and to any sheriff, constable, police officer or other officer qualified to serve process. The fees received from said licenses shall annually be paid into the State Treasury.

—fee for license to unnaturalized persons.

—license good only in open season.

—not transferable.

—fees, paid into Treasury.

No unnaturalized, foreign-born person required to be licensed under the provisions of this section shall have in possession, when he is upon the wild lands or in the woods or fields of the State, any firearm or firearms unless he is licensed as herein

Seizure of weapons of unnaturalized persons, who are not licensed.

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provided and all firearms found in his possession in violation of this section shall be forfeit and contraband and shall be seized by any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws. All firearms seized by virtue of this section shall forthwith be forwarded to the Commissioners at Augusta by the person seizing the same, and upon conviction of the person or persons from whom they were seized said firearms shall be sold, the proceeds from such sale to be paid to the Treasurer of State.

—firearms shall be sold.

—penalty for violation.

Ch. 32, Sec. 59, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs, for each offense.'

Section 16. Section fifty-nine of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Traps shall be plainly labeled with owners' name.

—penalty for violation.

'Section 59. No person shall at any time set a snare for any fur-bearing animal, nor shall any person at any time set any trap or traps of any kind for any wild animal without having the trap or traps plainly labeled with his full name and address, either by having the same stamped on the trap or on a metal tag, firmly attached to the trap. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of five dollars and costs for each offense and in addition thereto five dollars for each trap set and not marked as provided herein, and shall forfeit the trap or traps, and any wild animal found therein, to any person finding the same.

Notice shall be posted before setting traps.

Provided, further, that no person shall set a bear trap at any time unless a written or printed notice stating that such a trap has been set is posted conspicuously in the immediate vicinity, under a penalty of fifty dollars and costs for each offense and no person shall set a bear trap at any time unless the same is enclosed in a hut, so-called, under the same penalty.'

Ch. 32, Sec. 60, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Section 17. Section sixty of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by inserting before the word "incorporated" in the first line thereof the words 'organized or' and by inserting after the word "any" in the fifth line thereof the words 'organized or,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Traps in incorporated places shall be visited once in 24 hours. —animals found shall be removed.

'Section 60. Any person setting a trap in any organized or incorporated place shall visit said trap, or cause the same to be visited, at least once in every twenty-four hours and remove therefrom, or cause to be removed, any animal found caught therein. No person shall set traps in any organized or incor-

porated place without first obtaining the written consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said traps are to be set. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Section 18. Section sixty-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 61. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game may annually issue licenses to residents of this State to buy and sell deer skins, and the heads of deer if not detached from said skins, during the months of October, November and December. Such licensee shall keep a record, which shall be open to inspection by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game or any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, of all such heads and skins purchased, of whom purchased and the date of each purchase, and shall send such record annually to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game on or before the twentieth day of December of each year. The fee for such license shall be ten dollars, to be paid to the said commissioners. All deer skins and deer heads purchased by virtue of this section shall be transported only under such rules, restrictions and limitations as shall, from time to time, be made by said commissioners. Whoever buys any skins or heads of deer without being licensed as herein provided, or whoever, licensed as aforesaid, neglects to keep the record and forward the same to said commissioners as herein provided, or whoever refuses to exhibit said record upon request to the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game or to any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, shall pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Section 19. Section sixty-two of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 62. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game may annually issue licenses to residents of this State to engage in the business of buying otter, sable or fisher skins or the skins of any other fur-bearing animals. Said licensee shall keep a record, which shall be open to inspection by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game or any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, of all skins purchased,

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—shall obtain consent from owner.

—penalty for violation.

Ch. 32, Sec. 61, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Dealers in deer skins and deer heads shall be licensed.

—record of skins and heads purchased.

—fee for license.

—transportation of skins and heads.

Penalty for buying without license or neglect to keep record.

Ch. 32, Sec. 62, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Buyers of skins of fur bearing animals shall be licensed.

—record shall be kept.

CHAP. 277 as aforesaid, in an appropriate book furnished them by the said commissioners, and shall send such record, under oath, to said commissioners on or before the twentieth day of December of each year. The fee for such license shall be two dollars to be paid to the said commissioners. Whoever buys any skins of otter, sable or fisher or the skins of any other fur-bearing animals without being licensed as herein provided, or whoever, licensed as aforesaid, neglects to keep the record and forward the same to said commissioners as herein provided, or whoever refuses to exhibit said book for inspection by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game or any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense. All skins of fur-bearing animals bought in violation of the provisions of this section shall be forfeit and contraband and shall be seized by any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws and upon conviction of the person or persons from whom they were seized, they shall be sold, the proceeds from such sale to be paid to the Treasurer of State.'

—fee for license.

Penalty for violation of this section.

—forfeiture of skins.

This act shall be deemed an emergency and take effect when approved.

Section 20. Whereas this act contains an important amendment to the general fish law of the State, permitting fishing for black bass with artificial flies as soon as the ice is out, which amendment has been asked for by the people of the State generally,

And whereas the State can derive no benefit from this amendment this season unless this act takes effect upon approval,

And whereas the best interests of the State appear to require that this amendment become effective in order to permit spring fishing for black bass this season,

And whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts this act is exceedingly necessary for the purpose of the public health, peace and safety, and in the opinion of this Legislature constitutes an emergency, as contemplated by the Constitution,

Resolved, in view of the emergency set forth herein, this act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house having so directed, shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 1, 1915.