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or wild hares, amended. Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 49. The month of March made open season except in three counties. There shall be an annual closed season on wild hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagadahoc and York during the months of March, April, May, June, July, August and September of each year, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Cumberland during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September of each year, during which respective closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill, catch, pursue or have any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall use any snares, traps or other devices in the hunting, pursuing or killing of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt or kill the same except in the ordinary method of shooting with guns in the usual manner; provided, however, it shall be lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps during the open seasons provided in this section. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken in violation of any provision of this section. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

Chapter 70.

An Act to Fix a Uniform Date for the Filing of Annual Reports of Hunters and Trappers, Camp Proprietors and Other Licensees of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and to Amend Section Three of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

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

Sec. 1. Annual reports of trappers, guides, camp proprietors, taxidermists, etc., to be made on or before Dec. 31. The annual report of licensed beaver trappers, guides, hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals (except beaver), camp proprietors, taxidermists, dealers in deer skins, dealers in the skins of fur-bearing animals and marketmen shall be forwarded to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, instead of on the dates now required by law for the filing of these reports.

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Sec. 2. Game and fur farmers to make report on or before December 31; penalty for failure. Every licensed game or fur farmer and every person authorized to take birds or wild animals or fish for scientific purposes shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, make a detailed report to said commissioner of all they have done during the year by virtue of such license or permit, on blanks to be furnished by the said commissioner of inland fisheries and game. Whoever fails to file the annual report as required by this section shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense.

Sec. 3. P. L., 1919, c. 173; sec. 3; 1923, c. 121; relating to exhibiting certificate authorizing person to hunt and fish, amended. The second paragraph of section three of chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said paragraph and by substituting therefor the following paragraph:

'Failure to exhibit certificate on demand prima facie evidence of guilt. Every person holding a certificate of registration by virtue of this act shall, at all times, while hunting or fishing, have such certificate on his person, and shall exhibit the same for inspection to any person authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws, or any fire warden. Failure to produce such certificate upon such request shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this act.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

Chapter 71.

An Act to Regulate Fishing for Trout and Landlocked Salmon in the Brooks and Streams of the State.

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

Sec. 1. Closed time on trout and landlocked salmon established; exceptions. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, take, catch or kill any trout or landlocked salmon at any time in any brook or stream in the state, except from the time the ice is out of the brook or stream fished in the spring until the fifteenth day of August following, inclusive, of each year.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed as applying to the rivers of the state or to Kennebago stream, or to Rangeley stream, or to Little Kennebago stream, in the county of