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lawfully killing a deer in open season, shall have a reasonable time in which to transport the same to his home and may have the same in possession at his home in closed season.'

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## Chapter 184.

An Act Relating to Protection of Fur-bearing Animals.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 46; 1919, c. 133; 1921, c. 218; 1923, c. 214; 1925, c. 87; relating to protection of fur-bearing animals, amended. Section forty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter two hundred and fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and as amended by chapter eighty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 46. Closed time Feb. 15, to Oct. 31; exceptions; closed time on foxes; closed time on muskrats; special provisions; setting traps near muskrat and beaver houses prohibited; open time on skunks. Whoever, from the fifteenth day of February to the thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fur-bearing animal (except bears, muskrat, beaver, bobcats, loupcevrier or Canada lynx, weasels and foxes), or whoever, from the fifteenth day of February to the fifteenth day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fox or foxes, in the county of Aroostook, Penobscot, Washington, Hancock, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin or Oxford, or whoever from the fifteenth day of February to the thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any fox or foxes, in the county of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo or Knox, or whoever, from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of the following November, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat or muskrats in the county of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo or Knox, or whoever, from the fifteenth day of May to the thirty-first day of the following October, both days inclusive, hunts, traps, kills, pursues or catches any muskrat or muskrats in the county of Washington, Hancock, Aroostook,

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Penobscot, Piscataquis, Franklin, Somerset or Oxford, or whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal or part or parts thereof taken in closed season shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense, and in addition thereto three dollars for each fur-bearing animal hunted, trapped, killed, pursued, caught or had in possession in violation hereof.

Provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to hunt, trap or pursue any muskrat or muskrats on Cobbosseecontee stream, or on any tributary to said stream, from the outlet of Cobbosseecontee lake to the reservoir dam at the New Mills, so called, in the city of Gardiner, which waters are situated partly in the county of Kennebec and partly in the county of Sagadahoc, except during the month of April of each year; provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to hunt, kill, trap, pursue or catch any muskrat or muskrats at any time from the first day of May of each year to the fifteenth day of March of the following year, both days inclusive, in the Sebasticook river, in the county of Penobscot, or in the East Branch, so called, of said river, or in the West Branch, so called, of said river; provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to take, catch, trap, kill, or destroy any muskrat or muskrats at any time in Lower Kezar pond, in the town of Fryeburg in the county of Oxford, and in the town of Bridgton in the county of Cumberland, or in the outlet stream of said Lower Kezar pond, or in the Kezar Meadows, so-called, adjacent to said pond (which meadows are bounded by the outlet stream of said pond, by the Old Saco river, by the "Uplands," so-called, and by the "Upland" on the easterly side of said meadows) or in the east bog, so-called, or in the west bog, so-called, bounded by the "Uplands," and on the westerly side by a wire fence on land owned by E. C. Buzzell; except that it shall be lawful to take muskrats within said territory in the usual manner of trapping, in accordance with the general statutes of the state, during the months of March and April of each year; provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to hunt, trap, kill, pursue or catch any muskrat or muskrats at any time in Songo river, a tributary to Sebago lake, which lake is situated in the county of Cumberland, or in Crooked river, also a tributary to said Sebago lake, up as far as Edes Falls bridge; provided, further, it shall be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to have in possession at any time any muskrat or muskrats, or part or parts thereof, taken in closed season in any of the above named waters.

Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to set a trap at any time within twenty-five feet of, or to molest or destroy, a muskrat house, under a penalty of ten dollars and costs for each offense.

Whoever at any time hunts, traps, kills, pursues, catches, or has in possession any beaver, or part or parts thereof, except as provided in the preceding section, or whoever, at any time, molests or destroys a beaver house, or sets a trap within twenty-five feet thereof, shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or be imprisoned not exceeding sixty days, or be subject to both said fine and imprisonment.

Provided, however, that any person may lawfully kill any wild animal (other than beaver) or any wild bird found destroying his property.

Provided, further, that it shall be lawful to hunt, catch, pursue and kill skunks and raccoons at night with dog or gun from the first day of October of each year to the fifteenth day of the following December, both days inclusive, in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, York, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Oxford.'

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## Chapter 185.

An Act Relating to the Sale and Possession of Jacklights or Lights Fitted for Use in the Hunting of Game in the Night Time.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 25; 1919, c. 196; relating to sale and forfeiture of certain prohibited devices used in fishing and hunting, amended. Section twenty-five of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 25. Sale of jacklights for hunting game, prohibited; sale and possession of flashlights not restricted. No person shall expose or offer for sale, sell or purchase in this state any jacklight or light fitted for use in the hunting of game in the night time. No person shall have in possession at any time when he is upon the wild lands, waters or highways, or in the woods or fields of the state, or in any camp, lodge, or place of resort for hunters or fishermen, or in its immediate vicinity, any jacklight or light fitted for use in the hunting of game in the night time, or any swivel, pivot or set gun; nor shall any person have in possession at any time any spear, trawl or net (except such as are authorized for the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch, as provided in section twenty-seven 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