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visions of sections eight, seventeen, twenty-six and twenty-seven of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes.

Sec. 5. Apportionment of third class highway fund; returns to be made April 15. The apportionment of the third class highway fund herein created shall be made in accordance with the returns which shall have been made by the several towns desiring participation on or before April fifteenth of each year, and no town whose selectmen or other officials authorized by law have not made the return required by the state highway commission on or before said April fifteenth shall be entitled to any apportionment of said fund. The state highway commission and municipal officers shall co-operate in the construction and maintenance of work performed under this act. Whenever work is done by the municipal officers, no money shall be paid by the state until such work has been inspected and accepted by the state highway commission.

Approved April 5, 1929.

Chapter 261.

An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Bounty on Bears in Towns Where Damage Is Being Caused to Valuable Domestic Animals.

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

Sec. 1. Bounty on bears may be petitioned for by assessors; hearing. When bear are destroying sheep, cattle or any other kind of valuable domestic animals in any town, plantation or unincorporated place and if compensation therefor is paid subsequent to July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, the assessors of such town or plantation, may petition the commissioner of inland fisheries and game for authority to place a bounty on bears killed within such town or plantation or in any adjoining town, plantation or unincorporated place or places, and in the case of unincorporated places, a similar petition may be filed by the assessors of any adjoining town or of the nearest incorporated town where there are none adjoining, to place a bounty on bears killed within such unincorporated place. Upon receipt of the petition from the assessors, the commissioner of inland fisheries and game shall give due notice and hold a hearing. Unless said hearing discloses that damages to valuable domestic animals are not being caused by bear, the commissioner shall authorize such bounty to be paid as hereinafter set forth, which shall continue in full force until the commissioner after due notice and hearing shall annul such authorization.

Sec. 2. Twenty-five dollars for each bear killed. A bounty of twenty-five dollars for each and every bear killed in said towns or plantations in

the state of Maine, shall be paid to persons killing the same. These bounties shall be paid by the treasurer of said towns or plantations.

Sec. 3. Claimant must within 24 hours exhibit animal to town treasurer. No bounty shall be paid, unless the claimant, within twenty-four hours after he has killed such animal, exhibits to the town treasurer the entire animal or the skin of the animal, for the killing of which such bounty is claimed, with the nose thereof in as perfect a state as when killed, and signs and makes oath to a certificate, which oath said treasurer may administer, in which he shall state that he killed such animal, and the time and place showing it to be within the area where this bounty is authorized; and then the treasurer shall cut off the whole nose from such animal or skin of animal and immediately burn it, such treasurer shall require reasonable proof to substantiate such claim; then he shall pay the bounty and take claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificate. The town treasurer shall make upon the same paper, at time of monthly report, a certificate made under oath addressed to the treasurer of state, that he first cut off the nose of the animal or skin of animal and destroyed it by burning, and then paid said bounty to the claimant.

Sec. 4. Certificates and receipts to be transmitted to treasurer of state. Said certificates and receipts shall be transmitted to the treasurer of the state monthly and by him presented to the governor and council as early as convenient and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state.

Sec. 5. Form of certificate. The certificate shall be in the following form:

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE

To the treasurer of _____, I hereby certify that on the day of _____, A. D. 19____, at _____ in the town or plantation of the state of Maine, I killed the bear, 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 _____, 19____.

..... Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year aforesaid.

....., Treasurer of.....

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 bear described in the above certificate.

..... Claimant.

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first cut off the whole nose from the skin of the bear described in the foregoing certificate and destroyed the same by burning, and then paid the said , the bounty for which I have taken his receipt as above.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

.....Justice of the Peace.

Sec. 6. Bounty from licenses of dogs. The bounty so paid by the state treasurer shall be taken from the licenses of dogs in the state of Maine, and so much of the fees received for dog licenses as may be necessary to pay said bounties is hereby appropriated to pay the same.

Sec. 7. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Approved April 9, 1929.

Chapter 262.

An Act Relating to the Removal of Snow From Highways and Town Ways.

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

P. L., 1927, c. 227, sec. 2; relating to towns to keep certain routes clear of snow, amended. Section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven is hereby amended by adding in the fourth line thereof after the word "season" the words 'or such part of the year as the highway commissioner and the municipal officers may agree upon,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Towns to keep designated routes clear during winter or such part of the year as may be agreed upon. Towns through which extend such routes or in which are located such other highways or town ways described in section one of this act, shall keep said highways and town ways cleared of snow during the winter season or such part of the year as the highway commissioner and the municipal officers may agree upon, so that they may be reasonably usable by motor vehicles, sleighs, and sleds. Such clearance of snow shall be done to the satisfaction of the state highway commission, whose judgment thereon shall be final.'

Approved April 9, 1929.