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## CHAP. 366

plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives to give their votes upon this act and the question shall be: "Shall the act to provide for an increase in the tax on gasoline be accepted?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the same expressing it by making a cross within the square opposite the word "yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the question by making a cross within the square opposite the word "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation, and thereupon this act shall become law. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing, accompanied by a copy thereof.

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## Chapter 366.

An Act Relating to Bounty on Porcupines or Hedgehogs.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, by chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, a bounty of twenty-five cents was provided for each porcupine or hedgehog, so-called, killed in any town or unincorporated place in the state, and

Whereas, complaints have been made to the treasurer of state that certain false and fraudulent claims have been presented for such bounty, and

Whereas, it is believed that if any of such claims are fraudulent, such is made possible by reason of the lapse of time provided in said act between the time of killing such animals, or return from hunting, and the exhibition to the town treasurer of the entire nose and feet of such animal for the killing which bounty is claimed, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of the state of Maine, and therefore require the following legislation as an immediate necessity for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

Now, therefore,

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

P. L., 1927, c. 249; relating to bounty on hedgehogs, amended. Chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth line thereof the word "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word 'two,' by striking out in the thirteenth line the words "except natural decay" and by striking out in the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth lines the words "treasurer of state, and by him laid before the governor and council as early as convenient; and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state to such towns" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'state auditor, who shall audit the same and for those found correct and proper shall issue his certificate to the governor and council to that effect; and when a warrant is drawn for such bounties, they shall be paid by the treasurer of state to such towns,' so that said chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Claimant must exhibit hedgehog two days after killing; certificates and receipts shall be transmitted to state auditor; claimant's certificate; act takes effect when approved.** 'A bounty of twenty-five cents for each and every porcupine, or hedgehog, so-called, killed in any town or unincorporated place, in the state, shall be paid by the treasurer of such town to the person killing it, except that in the Maine Forestry District, such bounty shall be paid only in case such animal is killed between the fifteenth day of October and the first day of April in each year, both days inclusive. If the animal is killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer of any adjoining town, if any, otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant within two days after he has killed such animals or has returned from the hunting, in which he killed it, exhibits to the town treasurer, the entire nose and feet thereof, in as perfect a state as when killed, and signs and makes oath to a certificate, in which he shall state that he killed such animal, and the time and place, showing it to be within the state; the treasurer shall thereupon entirely destroy said nose and feet by burning; then he shall pay the bounty and take the claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such certificate. The town treasurer shall immediately make upon the same paper a certificate, under oath, addressed to the treasurer of state, that he first destroyed said nose and feet by burning, and then paid said bounty to the claimant. Said certificates and receipts shall annually, in December, be transmitted to the state auditor, who shall audit the same and for those found correct and proper shall issue his certificate to the governor and council to that effect; and when a warrant is drawn for such bounties, they shall be paid by the treasurer of state to such towns. 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 state of Maine, I killed the porcupine or hedgehog, the nose and feet of which I now exhibit to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me 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 porcupine or hedgehog described in the above certificate. ....Claimant.

TREASURER'S RECEIPT

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first destroyed by burning the nose and feet of the porcupine or hedgehog described in the foregoing certificate, and then paid to said.....the bounty for which I have taken his receipt as above.

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

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

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