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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 116

AN ACT Relative to Possession of Moose and Caribou.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 92, amended. Section 92 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 92. Transportation of moose and caribou killed outside the territorial limits of this state; permission shall be received before importation. No person who has legally killed a caribou or moose beyond the limits of this state shall have in possession or import the same into this state unless he has obtained a license permit from the commissioner to import the same for the purpose of consumption or for mounting, but not for sale.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 117

AN ACT Relative to Fishing Licenses.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 32, amended. Section 32 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new sub-section to be numbered X, to read as follows:

'X. When similar legislation is enacted by the state of New Hampshire, fishing licenses issued in either this state or New Hampshire shall be recognized as meeting all requirements of the law when used on any lake or pond which is partly in both states.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 118

AN ACT Relating to Damage to Rabbits by Dogs or Wild Animals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 88, § 16, amended. The 1st 3 paragraphs of section 16 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Whenever any sheep, lambs, domestic rabbits properly enclosed or other domestic animals are killed or injured by dogs or wild animals, the owner, after locating such animal or animals or a sufficient part of each animal to identify the same, may make complaint thereof to the mayor of the city or to one of the municipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage was done within 24 hours after he has knowledge of the same, and thereupon the municipal officers shall investigate the complaint, and if satisfied that such damage was committed by dogs or wild animals within the limit of their city, town, or plantation they shall, after viewing the evidence, estimate the value of such animals according to the purpose for which they were kept, whether as breeders or other purpose, together with damage to any other animals by being bitten, torn, or chased until exhausted, and make returns on blank forms furnished by the commissioner of agriculture, which shall be made in triplicate, the original and duplicate copies together with a bill from the claimant shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent within 15 days from the date of investigation, and the triplicate shall be kept by the town clerk as his record.

A full description of all evidence seen by the investigator shall be plainly printed or written in duplicate on all reports and recommendations, giving the number of sheep with their estimated value, and the number of domestic rabbits properly enclosed with their estimated value and the number of lambs, giving their ages, average liveweight, and actual estimated value, also any other information that will assist in making a fair adjustment.

If sheep, lambs, domestic rabbits properly enclosed or other domestic animals are kept in an unincorporated place, the owner may make complaint to the municipal officers of the nearest incorporated town adjoining, or the nearest incorporated when there is none adjoining, who shall investigate the complaint.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 88, § 16, amended. The last paragraph of section 16 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Any person who keeps a dog that kills or injures sheep, rabbits or lambs shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and costs unless, before the final disposition of the case, the said owner or keeper of the said dog produces satisfactory evidence that the dog has been killed.’