

be given, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 26, 1919.

WOLVES

CHAPTER 242.

(S. B. No. 28—Jacobsen.)

WOLF BOUNTY.

An Act Providing for a Bounty for Wolves and Coyotes, Prescribing the Method for Payment, Making an Appropriation Therefor, Prescribing the Penalty for a Violation Thereof and to repeal Sections 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, Chapter 253 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year of 1917.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Sec. 1. STATE BOUNTY FOR WOLVES AND COYOTES.) For the purpose of encouraging the destruction of wolves and coyotes, a bounty shall be paid by the State of North Dakota, for each wolf or coyote killed, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents. Provided, that no bounty shall be paid for wolves killed by the Extension Division of the North Dakota Agricultural college, through the directors thereof co-operating with the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sec. 2. SKINS TO BE EXHIBITED.) Any person killing any of the aforesaid animals, to obtain the bounty thereon, shall, within ninety days from the date of the killing, exhibit or cause to be exhibited the skins and skulls of said animal or animals, including the tail and the skin from the forehead, including both ears, to the County Auditor in the county in which said animal or animals were killed, and shall at the same time file with the Auditor an affidavit setting forth that he killed or caused to be killed the animal or animals from which the skin or skins were taken: that the same were killed within the bounds of the county to whose Auditor the same are presented.

Sec. 3. VERIFICATION.) The County Auditor shall, before issuing the certificate hereinafter provided for, require statements of two resident tax payers of the county that they are acquainted with the person presenting the skin or skins and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the animal or animals from which said skin or skins were taken were killed within the limits of said county.

Sec. 4. FRAUD PREVENTED.) The County Auditor shall thereupon call to his assistance either the County Treasurer, or, in his absence, the clerk of the district court, who being present, both

shall, in order to prevent fraud, minutely examine each skin presented; and should examination disclose that the scalps and ears belonging to such skins have not been severed, patched or punched, the County Auditor shall there, in the presence of the other officer above named, mark each ear by punching a hole one inch in diameter in the same, (and then re-deliver the skin or skins to the persons presenting the same) and shall at the time make out and deliver to the said person a certificate showing the number and kind of the skins so punched and the name of the person presenting, the fact of the filing of the affidavits herein provided for, and the examination made as required, said certificate to be duly signed by him in his official capacity, and attested by the officer acting with him; said County Auditor shall keep a record in a bound book of all skins so punched, showing the date, number and kinds, the names of the persons presenting them and the names of the witnesses, which book shall be an official record. The holders of the certificates issued under the provisions of this article to be deposited with the County Auditor of the county wherein issued, who shall on the first business day of each month forward all such certificates in his possession to the State Auditor for registration and payment as hereinafter provided. All services rendered by officials under this article to be without fee.

Sec. 5. DUTY OF COUNTY AUDITOR.) Should any county auditor or officer acting with him have reason to believe that any person presenting a skin or skins as above provided, has evaded the provisions of this article to obtain the bounty unlawfully, such officer shall require satisfactory evidence of the time, place and manner of the killing of said animal or animals.

Sec. 6. DUTY OF STATE AUDITOR.) It shall be the duty of the State Auditor upon the written order of the County Auditor to give the person presenting said order a warrant upon the State Wolf Bounty Fund, hereinafter provided for, in the amount required to compensate at the bounty prices by this article provided, for the number of animals mentioned in the order, taking the receipt on the back of the order of the person presenting, for the full amount received; and the State Auditor and the State Treasurer shall keep an account of all warrants so issued and paid and list them in their annual report to the Governor.

Sec. 7. SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUPPLY BLANKS.) The Secretary of State shall provide each County Auditor with the necessary blanks for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this article.

Sec. 8. PENALTY FOR FORGERY.) Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit any of said certificates or orders shall be deemed guilty of forgery, and any person who shall swear falsely to any affidavit provided herein, or procure the same to be done by another, with the intent of obtaining any one

of the said certificates or orders, shall be guilty of perjury; and any person convicted of any of the offenses declared in this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years. Any person or persons who shall patch up any skin or scalp, or who shall present any punched skin or scalp, with the intent to defraud the state, or any officer who shall sign any certificate herein provided for without first counting the skins, or shall intentionally evade any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 9. APPROPRIATION.) There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of the bounty herein provided.

Sec. 10. REPEAL.) That Sections 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year of 1913 and Chapter 253 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year of 1917 are hereby expressly repealed.

Approved March 6, 1919.

CHAPTER 243.

(S. B. No. 77—Ward.)

DESTRUCTION OF WOLVES AND COYOTES

An Act Authorizing the Extension Division of the Agricultural College to Co-operate with the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture in Devising, Demonstrating and Putting in Operation Methods for the Destruction of Wolves, Coyotes and Other Noxious Predatory Animals, Providing Appropriation Therefor and Repealing all Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict Herewith.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Sec. 1. METHODS OF EXTERMINATION.) The Extension Division of the North Dakota Agricultural College, through the directors thereof co-operating with the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, shall devise and demonstrate methods for the destruction of wolves, coyotes and other noxious predatory animals and shall, in carrying out provisions of this Act, cause such animals to be trapped, shot, poisoned or destroyed by any method which may be deemed advisable. No poison shall be distributed, under the provisions of this Act, unless public notice of the intention of the Extension Division to distribute such poison shall first be given in three regular consecutive weekly issues of a local newspaper having a distribution on the district in which such poison is to be spread.

Sec. 2. PROCESS OF EXTERMINATION.) The Extension Division of the North Dakota Agricultural College, co-operating with the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, shall put in operation said methods of extermination in order to destroy said noxious or predatory animals and is hereby authorized to employ such assistance, and purchase such equipment as may be required. Said Division is further authorized to carry on such work at such times and in such places as will tend to protect livestock, poultry and other property from said noxious or predatory animals. The said Division is further authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary in educational campaigns for the destruction of such noxious and predatory animals; provided, however, that the total of all expenditures made hereunder shall not exceed the appropriation herein made.

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.) There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the biennium for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4. REPEAL.) All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1919.

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CHAPTER 244.

(S. B. No. 176—State Affairs Committee)

BOARD OF EXPERTS

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 10948 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913 as Amended by Chapter 33 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1915.

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March 15, 1919.

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

I file herewith Senate Bill No. 176, an Act to amend and re-enact Section 10948 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913 as amended by Chapter 233 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1915, without my approval for the following reasons:

1. That the Bill as amended fails to eliminate the duplication of work of the Board of Experts and the Board of Pardons as originally intended.

2. No provision is made to take care of the necessary expense for clerical assistance, etc., by reason of the additional