
BOUNTIES

CHAPTER 111

H. B. No. 95—(Panko, Starck, Myers, Larson)

BOUNTY FOR RATTLESNAKES

An Act to Encourage the Destruction of Rattlesnakes, and Providing a Bounty to be Paid by the State of North Dakota for Each Rattlesnake Killed, and Providing for the Disposition of the Rattlesnake Tails. Penalty. Appropriation.

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

§ 1. STATE BOUNTY FOR RATTLESNAKES.] For the purposes of encouraging the destruction of rattlesnakes, a bounty of ten cents shall be paid by the State of North Dakota for each rattlesnake killed.

§ 2. TAILS TO BE DEPOSITED.] Any person killing a rattlesnake, to obtain the bounty thereon, shall within six months from the date of the killing, deposit or cause to be deposited the tail of the said reptile, which must include in addition to other rattles, the black rattle (commonly known as the "black button"), in the office of the County Auditor in the county in which said reptile was killed, and shall at the same time file with the auditor an affidavit setting forth that he killed or caused to be killed the reptile or reptiles from which the tails as herein specified were taken; that the same were killed within the bounds of the county to whose auditor the same are presented.

§ 3. VERIFICATION.] The County Auditor shall on being satisfied that to the best of his knowledge and belief the reptile, or reptiles, from which said tail or tails were taken, were killed within the limits of the county, issue, make out and deliver to the said person forthwith a certificate showing the number of rattlesnakes killed, the name of the person presenting, and the fact of the filing of the affidavit herein provided for, said certificate to be duly signed by him in his official capacity; the holders of the certificates so issued shall deposit the same with the County Auditor, 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 herein provided. All services rendered by officials under this article to be without fee.

§ 4. DISPOSITION OF TAILS BY COUNTY AUDITOR.] The County Auditor shall twice a year during the month of January and the month of July, mail any and all rattlesnake tails received under the provisions of this Act to the Board of Administration of the State of North Dakota.

§ 5. The Board of Administration shall place the rattlesnake tails so received from the various County Auditors on display in a suitable place either in the Capitol or in the Liberty Memorial Building, for sale purposes. Any money received from such sales shall be deposited to the credit of the Rattlesnake Bounty Fund, during the month of January of each and every year. The Board of Administration shall keep a record of all tails received, and all sales made, and money received from such sales. The said rattlesnake tails shall be sold at a reasonable price, but not less than twenty-five cents each.

§ 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 Rattlesnake Bounty Fund, hereinafter provided for, in the amount required to compensate at the bounty prices by this article provided, for the number of rattlesnakes 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.

§ 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.

§ 8. PENALTY.] Any person who shall present any tails with the intent to defraud the state, or any officer who shall intentionally evade the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not exceeding one month, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 9. APPROPRIATION.] There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of paying the bounty on rattlesnakes as prescribed herein.

Approved March 7, 1941.