

H. F. No. 168.

CHAPTER 32.

Amendment.
Reward for
killing wolves.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and forty-six (146) of the laws of 1899, being an act granting reward for killing wolves.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Amount of
bounties.

SECTION 1. Every person who shall kill a full-grown female wolf during the months of January, February, March, April and May shall be entitled to a reward of fifteen (15) dollars, or a full-grown female wolf at any other season of the year, shall be entitled to a reward of five (5) dollars; or any full-grown male wolf, at any season of the year, to a reward of five (5) dollars; and any person who at any season of the year shall kill a female cub wolf shall be entitled to a reward of four (4) dollars. or a male cub wolf, to a reward of two (2) dollars; one-third (1-3) of the amount of the said reward shall be paid by the county wherein the wolf or wolves have been killed, and two-thirds (2-3) thereof shall be paid by the state; and all counties wherein the interest and welfare thereof requires, are hereby empowered to grant such rewards herein provided, and to increase the same so far as concerns the liability of said county.

Evidence of
killing.

SEC. 2. The person or persons so claiming such reward shall, within thirty days after the killing of such animal, exhibit the carcass of the animal so killed, with the head and ears entire, to the town clerk, in the presence of two witnesses of the town wherein such animal was killed, and make oath that the animal so exhibited is the wolf killed by such claimant. He shall also state under oath the time and place where such animal was killed by him, and that the claimant did not spare the life of any wolf within his power to kill. Thereupon the town clerk shall issue a certificate that such animal was exhibited to him, and that the scalp of the same was removed in the presence of himself and the witnesses required, after which the carcass of the said wolf or wolves that have been so exhibited shall be so buried or destroyed by the party who claims the bounty as not to become a nuisance to any one. It shall be the further duty of such town clerk to file the original certificate in his office, and to issue a copy thereof to the person so claiming said reward, for which service the said clerk shall receive as compensation for each original certificate issued the sum of twenty-five (25) cents, and ten (10) cents for filing the same. the said fee to be paid by the person claiming reward.

Provided, that in unorganized towns the claimant for reward shall apply to the nearest town clerk of the same county, and the person or persons so claiming such reward shall within thirty days after the killing of the animal produce said certificate to the auditor of the county wherein such animal was killed.

SEC. 3. The auditor shall thereupon issue to such claimant his warrant upon the county treasurer for the entire sum to which said claimant is entitled, and the treasurer shall pay the same.

Manner of
payment.

SEC. 4. Such auditor shall transmit a copy of such oath and warrant to the state auditor, who shall audit such claims, and two-thirds (2-3) thereof shall be paid out of the state treasury by warrant issued by the state auditor upon the state treasury in favor of the county theretofore paying the same, and forward the same to the auditor of the said county.

SEC. 5. No person shall be entitled to, or receive, any reward from the state unless the county wherein such wolf shall be killed shall pay of its own accord one-third (1-3) of said reward as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. Any person or persons who shall fraudulently claim or obtain such reward, or issue any warrant therefor, or obtain herein provided, or who shall claim reward on wolves which have in any way been protected by him or on offspring of tame wolves either pure or crossed upon dogs, shall be held guilty of misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five (25) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars and in default of payment of such fine be imprisoned in the county jail not less than thirty (30) nor more than ninety (90) days, and if in judgment of the court the circumstances call for it, the person thus offending shall be punished with both fine and imprisonment as above stated

Frauds and
penalties.

SEC. 7. That chapter one hundred and forty-seven (147) of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893), as amended by chapter forty-three (43) of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897), and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1901.