

CHAPTER 200—H. F. No. 143.

(AMENDING SECTIONS 348.07, 348.08 AND 348.11 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to bounties on wolves and foxes; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 6254, 6255, and 6258.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6254 is amended to read as follows:

6254. Bounties on wolves and foxes.—*Subdivision 1.* Every person who shall kill a wild wolf or fox in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such wolf or fox he could have killed, shall upon compliance with the provisions of *Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 6254 to 6258*, be rewarded in the sum of \$15.00 for each adult wolf and six dollars for each cub, to be paid by the state out of the revenue fund or such other funds as may be appropriated therefor by law.

Subdivision 2. Every person who shall kill a wild fox in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such fox he could have killed, shall upon compliance with the provisions of *Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 6254 to 6258*, as amended, be rewarded in such sum as the board of county commissioners of the county in which the fox is killed may have determined and established for each adult and cub fox, to be paid from the county revenue fund. The state shall reimburse each county for one-half of all rewards for wild fox killed therein, but the amount of state reimbursement shall not in any event exceed \$2.00 for each adult fox and \$1.00 for each cub fox.

Subdivision 3. Any county board may add to such reward and appropriate county funds therefor.

Subdivision 4. For the purposes of *Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 6254 to 6258*, any wolf or fox killed before September 1st of the year in which it was born shall be deemed to be a cub, and any wolf or fox killed on or after said date, if physically mature, though not full grown, shall be deemed to be an adult wolf or fox.

Sec. 2. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6255 is amended to read as follows:

6255. Claim to wolf or fox bounty—when and how made.—
(a) Within thirty days after the killing, the claimant shall produce the entire carcass of the animal in the presence of two witnesses, to the clerk of the town, wherein the animal was killed,

or, if the animal was killed in unorganized territory, to the nearest town clerk in the same county, and shall make and deliver to the town clerk a written statement of his claim under oath, in duplicate, describing the animal as adult or cub, as the case may be, specifying the time and place of the killing thereof by the claimant, and stating that he did not on that occasion spare the life of any wild wolf *or fox* he could have killed. All animals produced at any one time shall be included in one statement.

(b) The clerk shall examine each carcass produced in the presence of witnesses, and shall make such further investigation as may be necessary to verify the statements of the claimant. For the purposes of such investigation the clerk may examine under oath with respect to any pertinent matter the claimant and any other persons having knowledge of the facts, and may attach a statement of such investigation and examination to the statement of the claim. The toes of both front feet of the animal shall then be removed in the presence of the clerk and the two witnesses.

(c) The claimant may then remove the hide, including the scalp and ears, and shall then bury, destroy, or otherwise properly dispose of the remainder of the carcass.

Sec. 3. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6258 is amended to read as follows:

6258. **Penalties.**—Every person who shall fraudulently claim or obtain any reward for the killing of a wolf *or fox*, or issue any fraudulent or unauthorized certificate or warrant therefor, or claim reward upon a wolf *or fox* which he has in any way protected, or upon any tame or captive wolf *or fox*, either full blood or crossed, or upon the off-spring of any tame or captive wolf *or fox*, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, the punishment for which shall be a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than sixty days nor more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to supersede or to exclude the operation of any other penal law which may be applicable.

Approved March 27, 1943.

CHAPTER 201—H. F. No. 149.

(AMENDING SECTION 257.23 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to illegitimate children and to amend Laws 1941, Chapter 152, Section 1.