

*materials which have a lawful use may, in the discretion of the commissioner, be sold for the highest price obtainable and that all funds obtained from the sale of such seized articles shall be paid to the state treasurer.*

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 288.

*An act to amend Section 4800 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, relating to defining of game birds, harmless birds and injurious birds.*

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

Section 1. Game birds further defined and when they may be killed by authority of game and fish commissioner.—That section 4800 of the General Statutes of Minnesota be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4800. No person shall catch, take, kill, ship or cause to be shipped to any person within or without this state, purchase, offer or expose for sale, sell to any one, have in possession with intent to sell, or have in possession or under control at any time, living or dead, any wild bird, other than a game bird, nor any part thereof, and for the purpose of this chapter the following only shall be considered game birds:

The family anatidae, commonly known as swan, geese, brant, river and sea ducks; The family rallidae, including rails, gallinules and coots; the order limicolae, commonly known as plover, snipe and woodcock; the order gallinae, commonly known as grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges and quail; the order columbae, or pigeons and doves; provided that blackbirds, crows, English sparrows, sharp-skinned hawks, goshawks and cooper hawks and great horned owls may be killed and had in possession at any time; and provided further that any birds may be killed or destroyed under authority of the game and fish commissioner when they are found to be destroying or injuring game birds on state game farms or state game refuges, or destroying or injuring fish in state fish hatcheries; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the keeping and sale of song birds as domestic pets.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1917.