

"Section 6249. **Compensation for timber growing.**—Every person who shall plant one acre or more of land with forest trees of any kind other than black locust, and shall keep such trees growing in a thrifty condition, and not more than twelve feet apart either way, replacing yearly such as may die, or who shall maintain and manage an existing stand of timber on one acre or more of land, the owner residing thereon, such stand of timber shall not be less than 600 forest trees per acre, well spaced, shall receive from the state two dollars and fifty cents per acre therefor for six successive years, not exceeding, however twenty-five dollars in any one year. This section shall not apply to any railway company, to any person who has already received such compensation, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with an act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, relating to the growth of timber on western prairies, or any act amendatory thereof. *The sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, and the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of making such payments.*"

Approved April 22, 1941.

CHAPTER 366—S. F. No. 296

An act to amend Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5541, relating to the open and closed seasons for certain animals and the taking of bear.

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

Section 1. Law amended—open season for certain animals.—That Mason's Supplement 1940 Section 5541 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(1) Gray and fox squirrels may be taken and possessed between October 15 and December 31 following, both inclusive. No person shall hunt, molest, or take any gray, black, red, fox, flying or other squirrel at any time within the corporate limits of any city or village or within one-quarter of a mile thereof. A person may take, during the open season, not to exceed 7 gray or fox squirrels in the aggregate of all kinds in any one day and may have not to exceed 14 gray or fox squirrels in the aggregate in possession at any time.

(2) Bear may be taken during any open season for taking deer, and between April 15 and May 15, both inclusive, next following any such open season for deer, provided, however that in areas in which bear becomes a nuisance to agriculture, or a menace to persons or property, bear may be taken at any time *by the owner or occupant of real estate property from such property when said bear are a menace to person or property, or, by securing a permit from a game warden familiar with the area, which permit shall be issued for the taking of bear in the township or the adjoining township to the township in which applicant for a permit resides.* No charge shall be made for such permit but a copy thereof shall be filed with the director of the division of game and fish, and such permit may be revoked at any time by the director of the division of game and fish upon recommendation of the game warden from the district where it was issued. Steel traps may be used for the purpose of taking or catching bear only upon permission of the game and fish commissioner to do so. Rules and regulations for the safe use thereof shall be prescribed by the commissioner and anyone setting them so as to become a danger to persons walking in the woods shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(3) Raccoon may be taken between November 1 and December 1, following, both inclusive. Raccoon may be taken at any time of day or night. Dogs may be used in taking raccoon, except in territory inhabited or frequented by deer. No person shall molest or take any raccoon in any manner in a den or hollow tree or cut down any tree inhabited or occupied by a raccoon. No trap for raccoon shall be set in or under water or in any muskrat runway.

(4) Any person desiring to retain in possession during the closed season the skins of protected fur bearing animals shall apply to the commissioner within five days after the close of the season for a permit so to do, and the commissioner or a game warden shall issue to the licensee a distinctive tag for each pelt to be retained in possession; and upon receipt thereof, the licensee shall affix one such tag to each pelt retained in possession. Such pelts lawfully tagged may be bought and sold at any time. This shall also apply to furs taken from animals trapped or killed on land owned or occupied by the trapper.

(5) 1. Every person engaging in the business of tanning and dressing of raw furs, hides or pelts of beaver, otter, fisher, marten, muskrat, mink, skunk, deer or bear shall pro-

cure a license so to do from the director of game and fish, and for which he shall pay a fee of (\$2.00).

2. All licenses issued hereunder shall be for the calendar year and shall expire on the 31st day of December of each year. Licenses may be revoked at any time by the director of game and fish for any violation of the law relating to wild animals.

3. Every person engaged in the business of tanning and dressing of raw furs under license issued by the director of game and fish, shall report to the director of game and fish the number and kinds of raw hides or pelts of beaver and muskrat received for tanning and dressing purposes, when received and from whom, and shall keep a register of such transactions which register shall be open for inspection by the director of game and fish or his duly authorized representatives. Upon reporting to the director of game and fish of the receipt of any shipment of raw beaver or muskrat hides or pelts for the purpose of tanning and dressing, the director of game and fish or his duly authorized representative shall cause to be attached to each individual hide or pelt, an identification tag or seal, which tag or seal shall remain on such hide or pelt during all of the time such hide or pelt is in the process of tanning and dressing. The tag or seal attached by the director of game and fish or his representative shall be of such a nature as not to interfere in any way with the tanning and dressing process and shall be attached so as not to materially damage the hide or pelt to which attached. Such tags or seals shall be procured from the director of game and fish by the licensee and for which he shall pay one cent each, which tags or seals shall remain attached to such hides or pelts during all times such hides or pelts are in the possession of such tanner. All raw hides and pelts of beaver and muskrat found in any tannery, whether in the process of tanning or dressing, without having attached thereto such tags or seals as authorized by this chapter, shall be deemed contraband and subject to seizure by the director of game and fish or his duly authorized representative, and no action for damages shall be maintained against the director of game and fish or his representative for such seizure.

4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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