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CHAPTER 540

AN ACT to create 20.205 and 29.60 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) of the statutes, relating to bounties on wild animals and making an appropriation estimated at \$90,000 annually.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.205 of the statutes is created to read:

20.205 BOUNTIES ON WILD ANIMALS. There is appropriated from the general fund to the conservation commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and annually thereafter a sum sufficient for the payment of bounties chargeable against the state under s. 29.60.

SECTION 2. 29.60 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) of the statutes are created to read:

29.60 BOUNTIES ON WILD ANIMALS. (1) Any person who shall kill any wolf or coyote cub between March 1 and September 1 next following shall be entitled to a reward of \$10, or any mature wolf or coyote at any time \$20, or any wildcat \$5, or any lynx \$5, to be paid out of the state

treasury under s. 20.205; any person who shall kill any red or gray fox kit between March 1 and September 1 next following shall be entitled to a reward of \$1, or any mature red or gray fox at any time \$2.50, to be paid out of the state treasury under s. 20.205. At the end of each fiscal year the conservation fund shall reimburse the general fund for one-half of all bounties paid for red or gray fox under this subsection during such fiscal year. Where a wolf, coyote or fox while being chased by dogs belonging to one person, is killed by another person, the bounty shall be divided equally between such persons. There shall be no payment made on unborn pups or kits.

(2) Any person claiming such reward shall exhibit the carcass entire with hide attached to the nearest conservation warden or county clerk within 5 days after the killing thereof, and any person presenting a wolf, coyote or fox for bounty shall upon the demand of any conservation warden or county clerk show where such wolf, coyote or fox was killed or trapped, or any den that the said wolf, coyote or fox was taken from, and furnish any other information concerning the capture of such animal that the conservation warden or county clerk might request. Every person claiming a reward under this section shall sign and deliver to the said warden or county clerk in the presence of 2 subscribing witnesses a statement in substantially the following form: The warden or county clerk shall immediately forward this statement to the conservation commission.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,)
) ss.
County of _____)

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, declare and state that I did personally on the ____ day of _____, 19___, in the town of _____, county of _____, kill or cause to be killed the animal here exhibited to the conservation warden or county clerk _____ and that it is the carcass of a _____. That I did not raise or rear for myself and did not in any way harbor the said animal, and I make this deposition for the purpose of procuring a bounty therefor from the state and a certificate from said warden or county clerk.

Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, 19___

Notary Public (or) Justice of Peace

(3) Thereupon said conservation warden or county clerk shall punch both ears of said animal and shall slit full length the inside of the right hind leg, and may issue a certificate to the claimant in the following form. Said certificate shall be rendered to the state conservation commission at Madison for payment within 10 days from date of issue. No certificate shall be issued on presentation of the hide of any wild animal separated from the carcass, nor shall any certificate be issued on a carcass on which the ears have been punched or the leg slit as provided. Nor shall a certificate be issued unless the conservation warden or county clerk is positive that it is the carcass of a wolf, coyote, wild cat, lynx or fox.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,)
) ss.
County of _____)

I, _____, conservation warden or county clerk living in said county, hereby certify that _____ on the _____ day of _____, 19___, exhibited to me the carcass of a _____,

which he claims to have killed as stipulated in his statement under date of _____, 19____, and which statement I mailed to the state conservation commission. That I punched the ears of said carcass and slit the inside of the right hind leg as provided by law.

Conservation Warden or County Clerk.

Dated at _____, Wis., this _____ day of _____, 19____

(4) Upon receipt of both such claims and certificate by the conservation commission within the 10-day period provided, the same shall be presented to the director of budget and accounts and he shall audit such claim and issue his warrant for its payment.

(6) The county board may authorize the payment of an additional bounty for the killing of any animal and may authorize the payment of a bounty by the county or its designated agents for the destruction of any fox, skunk, weasel and other animal or animals when, after careful investigation by competent authorities, they are found to be destructive in any manner. Such action by the county board shall not conflict in any manner with other sections of the statutes or with conservation commission orders and regulations. Any action heretofore taken by any county board authorizing the payment of bounties for the killing of animals hereinbefore mentioned in this subsection, is validated with like effect as if specific authority therefor was provided by law. When any county board indicates by the proper legal procedure that it is their intention to cause a bounty to be paid on any animal hereinbefore mentioned in this subsection, they or their designated agents shall promptly notify the state conservation commission at Madison of that fact by supplying them with a full copy of the procedure dealing with their action in the matter.

Approved August 3, 1955.
