

# SENATE . . . . No. 671

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO FURTHER REGULATE THE HUNTING OR TAKING OF GRAY SQUIRRELS, HARES AND RABBITS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out sections 64 and 65  
3 and inserting in place thereof the two following sec-  
4 tions: —

5 *Section 64.* No person, except as otherwise pro-  
6 vided by this chapter, shall hunt or have in his posses-  
7 sion the carcass of a gray squirrel.

8 The director shall declare an open season on gray  
9 squirrel in any county where such an open season  
10 seems advisable, and may make rules and regulations  
11 relating to time and length of open season, bag limit,  
12 possession limits, and all other matters connected  
13 with such open season, as he may deem necessary or  
14 expedient, and may suspend or modify the open

15 season whenever in his opinion such action becomes  
16 necessary.

17 Rules and regulations made under this section shall  
18 be subject to the approval of the board described in  
19 section two of chapter twenty-one, not less than three  
20 members of which, together with the director, shall  
21 hold a public hearing with regard thereto in accord-  
22 ance with the provisions of section thirty-seven A of  
23 chapter thirty and such rules and regulations shall be  
24 subject to the provisions of section thirty-seven of  
25 said chapter.

26 *Section 65.* No person, except as otherwise pro-  
27 vided in section sixty-seven, shall hunt or have in his  
28 possession the carcass of a hare or rabbit except as  
29 provided in this chapter.

30 The director shall declare an open season on hare or  
31 rabbit, or both, in any county where such an open  
32 season seems advisable, and may make rules and regu-  
33 lations relating to the time and length of open season,  
34 bag limit, possession limit, and all other matters per-  
35 taining to such an open season as he may deem neces-  
36 sary and expedient, and may suspend or modify the  
37 open season whenever in his opinion such action be-  
38 comes necessary.

39 Rules and regulations made under this section shall  
40 be subject to the approval of the board described in  
41 section two of chapter twenty-one, not less than three  
42 members of which, together with the director, shall  
43 hold a public hearing with regard thereto in accord-  
44 ance with the provisions of section thirty-seven A of  
45 chapter thirty and such rules and regulations shall be  
46 subject to the provisions of section thirty-seven of  
47 said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of sections sixty-four  
2 and sixty-five of chapter one hundred and thirty-one  
3 of the General Laws, as in effect immediately prior to  
4 the effective date of this act, shall remain in full force  
5 and effect until and unless the rules and regulations  
6 authorized by sections sixty-four and sixty-five of said  
7 chapter one hundred and thirty-one, as amended by  
8 section one of this act, are promulgated.

