

SENATE No. 672

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO REGULATE THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF MAMMALS.

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 section 68, as most
3 recently amended by chapter 294 of the acts of 1951,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 68.* No person, except as otherwise pro-
6 vided in this chapter, shall hunt or trap, or have in
7 his possession, the living or dead bodies of mammals,
8 except as provided in this section.

9 The director shall declare an open season for the
10 hunting and trapping of mammals in any county when
11 such an open season seems advisable, and may make
12 rules and regulations relating to the time and length
13 of open season, and all other matters pertaining to the
14 taking of mammals as he may deem necessary and
15 expedient, and may suspend or modify such open

16 seasons and all matters pertaining thereto whenever
17 in his opinion such action is necessary.

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

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