

SENATE No. 149

To accompany the petition of Harry B. Osgood for legislation relative to the trapping of rabbits and foxes. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Trapping of Rabbits and Foxes.

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 forty-eight of chapter one hundred
2 and thirty-one of the General Laws, as amended
3 by section two of chapter ninety-nine of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and by
5 chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of
6 nineteen hundred and twenty-four, is hereby
7 further amended by striking out said section
8 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

9 *Section 48.* No person shall remove or at-
10 tempt to remove a hare, rabbit, or fox from any
11 hole in the ground, stone wall, from under any
12 ledge, stone, log or tree, either by smoking or
13 digging out, except as provided in the follow-
14 ing section. No person shall take or kill a hare
15 or a rabbit by a trap, snare, or net or for that
16 purpose construct or set a trap, snare or net,
17 or use a ferret. The possession of a ferret in

18 a place where hares or rabbits might be taken
19 or killed shall be prima facie evidence that the
20 person having the ferret in possession has used
21 it for taking and killing hares or rabbits con-
22 trary to law. Ferrets used in violation hereof
23 shall be confiscated. Whoever, except as pro-
24 vided in section fifty, violates this section shall
25 be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor
26 more than fifty dollars, for each offense.

