

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2326

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 4, 1951.

The committee on Conservation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of Everett M. Grant for legislation to further regulate the trapping of certain animals; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of the Bay State Trappers Association relative to changing the open season on fur-bearing mammals, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2326).

For the committee,

FRED A. BLAKE.

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

### AN ACT CHANGING THE OPEN SEASON ON FUR-BEARING 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 68 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out  
3 in the first sentence of the first paragraph thereof the  
4 words "November fifteenth and the following March  
5 first" and inserting in place thereof the words:—  
6 November first and the following December fifteenth,  
7 — and by striking out also in said sentence the words  
8 "November fifteenth and the following January first"  
9 and inserting in place thereof the words:— November  
10 first and the following December fifteenth, — so that  
11 said sentence shall hereafter read as follows:— Ex-  
12 cept as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person  
13 shall hunt or trap, or have in possession the living or  
14 dead bodies of, minks, otters, muskrats, opossums or  
15 raccoons; provided, that such mammals, other than  
16 opossums or raccoons, may be taken by hunting or  
17 trapping between November first and the following  
18 December fifteenth, both dates inclusive, and that  
19 opossums or raccoons may be taken with the aid or  
20 by the use of dogs or guns between October tenth and  
21 the following January first, both dates inclusive, and

22 by trapping between November first and the following  
23 December fifteenth, both dates inclusive.

24 Section 68 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as  
25 amended, is also hereby further amended by striking  
26 out subsection (b), as most recently amended, and  
27 inserting in place thereof the following: —

28 (b) To trap mink, otter, muskrats, opossums or  
29 raccoons between December sixteenth and six o'clock  
30 antemeridian on the following November first, both  
31 dates inclusive, and to trap any other mammal be-  
32 tween March second and six o'clock antemeridian on  
33 the following November first.

34 Section 68 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as  
35 amended, is also hereby further amended by striking  
36 out subsection (c) as most recently amended and  
37 inserting in place thereof the following: —

38 (c) To possess or have under his control a trap on  
39 the land of another where fur-bearing mammals  
40 might be found, between March second and six o'clock  
41 antemeridian on the following November first.

42 Section 68 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as  
43 amended, is also hereby further amended by striking  
44 out from subsection (k), the words "November  
45 fifteenth" and inserting in place thereof the words: —  
46 November first.

