

CHAPTER 70.

BOUNTIES.

An Act to encourage the destruction of predatory wild animals and to provide bounties for the killing thereof; and making an appropriation for the payment of such bounties; and for the repeal of Chapter 21 of the Session Laws of Wyoming for 1890, entitled "An Act to encourage the destruction of predatory wild animals, and for other purposes" approved March 1, 1890, and for the repeal of Chapter 6, of the Session Laws of Wyoming for 1893, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1, of an Act entitled "An Act to encourage the destruction of predatory wild animals and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1890, approved February 10th, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Paid by state. Section 1. For the purpose of encouraging the destruction of coyotes and gray and black wolves, the following bounties shall hereafter be paid by the state of Wyoming, in the manner hereinafter provided, viz: For each coyote so destroyed, one dollar; for each gray or black wolf so destroyed, **Proviso.** three dollars; Provided, That the Board of the County Commissioners of any county in this state may, in their discretion, by resolution or order entered of record in the proceedings of the board, offer a county bounty to be paid out of the county funds, in addition to the state bounty provided for in this Act, for the destruction of such predatory wild animals for which a state bounty shall be paid, and such order or resolution of the county board shall designate the amount of county bounty to be paid in addition to the state bounty, which shall in no case exceed the state bounty herein provided for the destruction of any predatory wild animal.

Entire skin. Sec. 2. Any person who shall desire to obtain the bounty provided for in Section 1 of this Act, shall present to the county clerk of the county in which said animals were killed, the entire

skin of each animal, with all the paws attached thereto, accompanied by an affidavit stating that he is a citizen of the **Affidavit.** state of Wyoming, and that the animal or animals from which the skin or skins were taken were killed in the state of Wyoming, and that the said animal or animals were not killed before the passage of this Act. It shall thereupon be the duty of such

county clerk to give the person who shall present such affidavit, and such skin or skins, a certificate stating the number of animals of each kind killed, and to what sum the person is entitled under the provisions of this Act.

Certificate.

Sec. 3. Such county clerk shall thereupon, in the presence of one other officer of the same county, any of whom shall attend as witnesses at the request of such county clerk, make a punch mark in each paw of each and every skin so presented, such punch mark to be not less than five-eighths of an inch in diameter, and such county clerk and such other officer shall thereupon make and sign a certificate showing the number of each kind of animals from which they have punched the paws, as hereinbefore provided.

Punch mark.

Sec. 4. Such county clerk shall thereupon forward to the auditor of the state, a certified copy of the affidavit hereinbefore required, and the certificate made by him and such other county officer as to the punching of said paws.

Sec. 5. Such papers shall be forwarded by such county clerk to the state auditor by mail.

Sec. 6. Upon the receipt of the papers mentioned and set forth in Section 2 and Section 3 of this Act, such state auditor shall proceed to examine said papers, and if he shall find such certificate and other papers to be in all respects in conformity with the provisions of this Act, such auditor shall proceed to draw a warrant in favor of such applicant upon the treasurer of the state for the amount shown to be due by such certificate; and he shall forthwith transmit such warrant to the county clerk of the county in which such claim originated, for delivery to such applicant.

Duty of auditor.

Sec. 7. In case such state auditor shall find that such affidavit or certificates, or any of them, are not in conformity with the provisions hereof, he shall reject said claim, or suspend action thereon until the requirements of this Act are complied with, as he shall deem equitable and just.

Sec. 8. The treasurer of the state shall pay all warrants drawn upon him under the provisions of this Act in the manner provided by law.

State treasurer.

Sec. 9. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys unappropriated in the state treasury, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. Provided, That the payment of bounties under the provisions of this Act shall be limited to the appropriations herein made.

Appropriation

Sec. 10. The secretary of state shall provide each county clerk in the state with the necessary blanks for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Repealed. Sec. 11. No costs, fees or charges shall be made by any county or state officer for any service performed under the provisions hereof.

Penalty of violation of law. Sec. 12. Any person or persons offering, for the purpose of obtaining said bounty, the skin of any coyote, gray or black wolf that was killed prior to the passage of this Act, or that was killed outside the state of Wyoming, shall forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars for each animal so claimed, such sum to be sued for and recovered in any court in this state, by any county attorney, and the sum collected in any suit shall be paid, one-half to the informer and one-half to the common school fund of the county in which such recovery shall be made.

Sec. 13. Any person who shall make any false affidavit for the purpose of obtaining said bounty, shall be guilty of perjury and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as by law provided.

Repealed. Sec. 14. Chapter 27, of the session laws of Wyoming for 1890, entitled, "An Act to encourage the destruction of predatory wild animals, and for other purposes," approved March 1st, 1890, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. Chapter 6 of the session laws of the state of Wyoming for 1893, entitled, "An Act to amend and re-enact Section one of an Act entitled, "An Act to encourage the destruction of predatory wild animals, and for other purposes," approved March 1st, 1890," approved February 10th, 1893, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 16, A. D. 1895.