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*Wolverine*

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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. DUFFIELD

HOUSE BILL NO. *121*

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act placing a bounty on Wolverines; providing certain regulations; prescribing penalties."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. BOUNTY DECLARED: AMOUNT AND PAYMENT. There is hereby placed upon every wild wolverine legally taken within the Territory of Alaska a bounty of \$25.00 to be paid in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 2. AFFIDAVIT AND CLAIM FOR BOUNTY. To obtain such bounty, the person killing the wolverine within the Territory shall submit a claim in the form of an affidavit subscribed and sworn to before any Notary Public, United States Commissioner, or other person authorized to take acknowledgments, or before any Postmaster in any community where there is no Commissioner. Such affidavit and claim shall also contain a sworn statement by an adult resident of Alaska, other than the Notary, Commissioner or other person, before whom the affidavit is sworn, certifying that such person is personally acquainted with the claimant who executed the affidavit and believes that the statements therein set forth are true.

Section 3. OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION. All claims for payment of bounties hereunder shall contain a certificate signed by a Wildlife Agent of the Alaska Game Commission, or other officer designated by the Alaska Game

sworn

1 Commission or authorized by this Act to sign such certificates  
2 certifying that such wildlife agent or officer has personally  
3 examined the wolverine pelt or pelts; has identified such pelt  
4 or pelts as a wolverine pelt or pelts; that he believes them to  
5 have been legally taken within the Territory of Alaska; and  
6 that he has personally removed the ulna and radius bones of the  
7 left forearm or left foreleg from such pelt or pelts and that  
8 he has punched holes in the left ear or such pelt or pelts, as  
9 required by this Act.

10 Section 4. FORM OF AFFIDAVIT AND CLAIM. The affidavit  
11 and claim for bounties under this Act shall be substantially  
12 as follows:

13 United States of America )  
14 Territory of Alaska ) ss:

15 I,.....of....., Alaska, hereby do sol-  
16 emnly swear that on the.....day of....., 19..... or be-  
17 tween the dates of.....19...., and....., 19....., I took  
18 the.....(state number) wolverine pelts upon which claim  
19 for payment of bounties is herein made, in the vicinity of  
20 ....., in the Territory of Alaska; that no poison  
21 or other illegal means or methods was used in securing the  
22 said pelt or pelts or either of them; that bounty has not  
23 been paid and I am justly entitled to the payment of  
24 bounty in the amount of.....Dollars pursuant to the  
25 laws of Alaska.

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Claimant's signature

26 I, the undersigned, an adult resident of.....,  
27 Alaska, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted

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with.....(claimant's name), the person who executed  
the above affidavit and claim and I believe the statements  
therein set forth are true.

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(Signature of Witness)

The above named.....(claimant) and.....  
(witness) personally appeared before me,.....  
(title of officer acknowledging oaths), and subscribed and  
swore to the above affidavits, at....., Alaska, on  
this.....day of....., 19.....

(SEAL)

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(Signature)

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(Title)

I hereby certify that I have personally examined the  
above described.....(state number) wolverine pelts; I  
believe them to have been legally taken in the Territory of  
Alaska; and I have personally removed the ulna and radius  
bones of the left forearm or foreleg from all of the above  
pelts and have punched holes in the left ears of said  
pelts, on this.....day of.....19....., at.....,  
Alaska.

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(Signature of Officer)

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(Title of Officer)

Section 5. PRESENTATION OF AFFIDAVIT, CLAIM AND PELTS FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION. It shall be the duty of any  
person claiming payment of bounty under this Act to present the

1 affidavit and claim, properly executed, subscribed and sworn to,  
2 together with the pelts, with the ulna and radius bones of the  
3 left forearm or foreleg attached thereto in the natural state,  
4 of all animals on which bounty is claimed, to a Wildlife Agent  
5 of the Alaska Game Commission, or other officer designated by  
6 the Alaska Game Commission, for identification and certifica-  
7 tion. Any person sending such claims and pelts by mail or  
8 otherwise to any officer for identification or other purpose  
9 shall assume all risks of loss or damage of any kind whatsoever.

10 Section 6. DUTIES OF IDENTIFYING OR CERTIFYING OFFICER.

11 Any Wildlife Agent of the Alaska Game Commission, or other  
12 officer designated by the Alaska Game Commission or authorized  
13 by this Act, upon receipt of an affidavit and claim, properly  
14 prepared and executed, with the pelt or pelts of wolverines,  
15 with the ulna and radius bones of the left forearm or foreleg  
16 attached in the natural state, shall examine such pelt or  
17 pelts, and if he believes them to be wolverines, legally taken  
18 within the Territory of Alaska, he shall remove the leg bones  
19 from such pelts, punch holes of not less than one-half inch in  
20 diameter in the left ears of the pelts, complete the  
21 identification certificate on the affidavit and claim, and  
22 promptly forward such affidavit and claim to the Treasurer of  
23 Alaska, at Juneau, Alaska. The leg bones shall be destroyed by  
24 such certifying officer and the pelt or pelts returned to the  
25 claimant or to such person as he shall designate.

26 Section 7. RETURN OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF PELTS. It shall  
27 be the duty of any person sending any pelts to any officer for  
28 identification and certification or other purpose, to clearly  
29 and plainly state what disposition he desires shall be made

1 thereof. If the person sending such pelt or pelts desires them  
2 returned or sent elsewhere, he shall enclose with them a  
3 properly addressed tag, with sufficient postage affixed thereto  
4 showing clearly and plainly the address to which he desires  
5 them sent. If any pelt or pelts are received by any officer  
6 without proper instructions for their disposition, he shall in  
7 his discretion destroy them as being worthless or forward them  
8 to the Treasurer of the Territory for disposition in accordance  
9 with existing laws relating to unclaimed property.

10 Section 8. CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR FALSE CLAIMS OR  
11 STATEMENTS. Any person who shall make any false statements in  
12 an affidavit, claim or certificate for the purpose of obtaining  
13 payment of bounty under this Act, or for the purpose of aiding,  
14 assisting or abetting any other person in obtaining bounty  
15 under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be  
16 punished by a fine of not to exceed One Thousand Dollars, or by  
17 imprisonment not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and  
18 imprisonment, in the discretion of the court; and shall moreover  
19 be liable to the Territory of Alaska for refund of any bounty  
20 paid or obtained by reason of the affidavit and claim in which  
21 such false statement was made.

22 Section 9. BOUNTY NOT TO BE PAID EMPLOYEES No bounty  
23 shall be paid under this Act on any wolverine killed by any  
24 salaried employee of the Alaska Game Commission, The National  
25 Park Service and the Forest Service.  
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