

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR JONES

2 SENATE BILL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act placing a bounty on Wolverines;
7 providing certain regulations; prescribing
8 penalties; and making an appropriation."

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

10 Section 1. BOUNTY DECLARED: AMOUNT AND PAYMENT. There is
11 hereby placed upon every wild wolverine legally taken ^{after July 1, 1953} within the
12 Territory of Alaska a bounty of \$ ~~25~~¹⁵ ~~00~~ to be paid in
13 accordance with the provisions hereof.

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

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

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 of such pelt or pelts, as
9 required by this Act.

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

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

15 I,.....of....., Alaska, hereby do solemnly
16 swear that on the.....day of....., 19....., or between the
17 dates of.....19....., and....., 19....., I took the.....
18 (state number) wolverine pelts upon which claim for
19 payment of bounties is herein made, in the vicinity of
20, in the Territory of Alaska; that no poison or
21 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 bounty
24 in the amount of.....Dollars pursuant to the laws of
25 Alaska.

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27 Claimant's signature

28 I, the undersigned, an adult resident of.....,
29 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 statement 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, ^zThe National
25 Park Service ~~and~~ the Forest Service.

26 Section 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated,
27 out of monies in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise
28 appropriated, the sum of \$ 15,000.00, or so much thereof
29 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act

Page 5 Line 26 change Section 10 to read as follows "monies to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be contained in the general appropriation bill for the 1953-1955 biennium."

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