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## CHAPTER 355.

## The Wolf Bounty Act.

Interpre-  
tation.**1.** In this Act and in the regulations,—"Depart-  
ment."

(a) "Department" shall mean Department of Game and Fisheries;

"Provisional  
judicial  
district."

(b) "Provisional judicial district" shall include the Provisional County of Haliburton;

"Regula-  
tions."

(c) "Regulations" shall mean regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the authority of this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 1.

Regula-  
tions.**2.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the administration and enforcement of this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 2.Promul-  
gation of  
regula-  
tions.**3.** The regulations shall come into force upon publication thereof in the *Ontario Gazette*, or upon such later date as may be stated. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 3.Proof of  
killing by  
applicant  
for bounty.**4.** Where in any county a person has killed a wolf and produces the whole skin of the same, within a period of six months after the killing of the wolf, before the treasurer of the county, or before a magistrate, district superintendent of game and fisheries or such officer as the Minister may appoint, together with an affidavit in the form supplied by the Department, stating the place where and the date when the wolf was killed and that such wolf was not kept in captivity while it was under the age of three months, together with such other particulars as may be required, the treasurer, magistrate, district superintendent of game and fisheries or officer shall give to the person producing the skin, a certificate in the form provided by the Department. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 4; 1931, c. 70, s. 2.Bounties  
payable by  
county.**5.** Upon the delivery of such certificate by the person named therein to the treasurer of the county, together with the whole skin of the wolf, within a period of one month from the date of the certificate, the treasurer shall pay to such person the sum of \$15 as a bounty on either a timber or a brush wolf which is three months of age or over, and \$5 as a bounty on

either a timber or brush wolf under the age of three months. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 5; 1933, c. 68, s. 2.

**6.** Upon the delivery of said certificate, completed to the satisfaction of the Department, together with the whole skin of the wolf to the Department, the corporation of the county shall be entitled to receive forty per centum of the sum so paid, out of such money as may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, but before payment is made to the county the Department shall be satisfied that the bounty has been correctly paid, and the decision of the Department as to the age and class of wolf shall be final. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 6.

Repay-  
ment to  
county by  
Province.

**7.** Where any wolf has been killed in a provisional judicial district, the skin may be produced before a magistrate, a district superintendent of game and fisheries, the clerk of the district court, or such officer as the Department may appoint. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 7; 1931, c. 70, s. 4.

Proof of  
killing in  
provisional  
judicial  
district.

**8.**—(1) Upon the like proof as set forth in section 4, the officer before whom the skin is produced may give the certificate mentioned in section 4, provided such skin is produced within a period of ten months after the killing of such wolf, and upon the delivery of such certificate, which has been completed in a manner satisfactory to the Department, together with the whole skin of the wolf, the person named in the certificate shall be entitled to receive out of such moneys as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, the sum of \$15 as a bounty on either a timber or a brush wolf which is three months of age or over, and \$5 as a bounty on either a timber or brush wolf under the age of three months. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 8 (1); 1933, c. 68, s. 3.

Certifi-  
cate.

(2) All payments for bounties on wolves under or over the age of three months shall be subject to the decision of the Department, whose decision shall be final. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 8 (2).

Age to be  
determined  
by Depart-  
ment.

**9.** Where a claim is made for the payment of bounty for any wolf killed in a provincial park, the affidavit may be taken and the certificate may be given by the superintendent of such park, or before such officer named in section 7. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 9.

In pro-  
vincial  
parks.

**10.** Before payment of the bounty to the corporation of the county or directly to the person killing the wolf, the whole skin shall be delivered to the Department or to such person or

Disposal of  
skin.

persons as the Department may designate for the purpose, and shall become the property of the Crown, and may be disposed of in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 10.

Claims may be paid notwithstanding errors in proofs.

**11.** In case of any claim heretofore or hereafter made, whenever the Department is satisfied that the person killing any wolf or that the corporation of the county which is paid a wolf bounty is justly entitled to receive the bounty, the Department may make requisition on the Treasurer of Ontario, and a cheque shall be issued in payment thereof, notwithstanding any defect in the affidavit or certificate, or any doubt as to the authority of the officer taking such affidavit or giving such certificate, and in such case the Provincial Auditor shall forthwith, without further audit or examination, countersign such cheque. R.S.O. 1927, c. 320, s. 11.

Taking affidavits.

**12.** Any person authorized to give a certificate under the provisions of this Act may take any affidavit required to be taken by any applicant for the purpose of obtaining such a certificate. 1928, c. 21, s. 13.

Keeping wolves in captivity prohibited.

**13.** Every person who, except under the authority of a permit issued by the Department, keeps in captivity any live wolf shall in respect of any animal so kept, incur a penalty of not less than \$10 and not more than \$50 and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months unless the penalty is sooner paid. 1929, c. 83, s. 2, *part*.

Penalties for repeating bounties.

**14.**—(1) Every person who presents or sends to the Department for bounty, or who is a party to presenting or sending to the Department for bounty, any wolf skin upon which the bounty has been paid by the Department, shall incur a penalty of not less than \$20 and not more than \$100 in respect of every wolf skin so presented or sent, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months unless the penalty is sooner paid.

Forfeiture of skin.

(2) Upon conviction for an offence under subsection 1 the justice shall order that every wolf skin in respect of which the offence was committed shall be confiscated and delivered to the Crown.

Burden of proof.

(3) Where in any action, prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a person claims that bounty is payable in respect of a wolf skin and that such bounty has not been previously paid, the burden of proof shall be upon such person. 1929, c. 83, s. 2, *part*.

**15.**—(1) Every person who presents or sends, or who is a party to presenting or sending to the Department for bounty the skin of any wolf taken or killed at any place outside the boundaries of the Province of Ontario shall incur a penalty of not less than \$15 and not more than \$100 in respect of every wolf skin so presented or sent, and in default of payment shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months unless the penalty is sooner paid.

Penalties  
for pre-  
senting  
skins taken  
outside of  
the  
Province.

(2) Upon conviction for an offence under subsection 1 the justice shall order that the wolf skin in respect of which the offence was committed shall be confiscated and delivered to the Crown. 1933, c. 68, s. 4, *part*.

Forfeiture  
of skin.

**16.** Save as otherwise provided by this Act or the regulations, all fines, penalties, proceeds of sale of articles confiscated, and other receipts under this Act or the regulations shall be payable to the Treasurer of Ontario. 1933, c. 68, s. 4, *part*.

Payment  
of fines,  
etc.

**17.** Save as herein otherwise provided, in all prosecutions under this Act or the regulations, the procedure shall be governed by *The Summary Convictions Act*. 1933, c. 68, s. 4, *part*.

Procedure.  
Rev. Stat.,  
c. 136.