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**CHAPTER 194.****AN ACT to provide for the protection of ginseng.**

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**Digging ginseng during certain months prohibited. SECTION**

1. Except for the purpose of clearing and bringing land into cultivation no person shall between the first day of January and the first day of August in any year cut, root up, gather or destroy the plant known by the name of ginseng whenever such plant may be found growing in a wild or uncultivated state.

**Purchase and sale of green ginseng during certain months. SECTION**

2. Proof of the purchase or sale of green ginseng between the first day of January and the first day of August in any year shall be prima facie evidence of a contravention of this act.

**Purchase of ginseng cut during certain months. SECTION**

3. Any person who purchases ginseng, knowing the same to have been cut, rooted up, or gathered between the first day of January and the first day of August shall be guilty of a contravention of this act.

**Ginseng illegally obtained. SECTION 4.** In any prosecution under the preceding section proof that ginseng purchased has been illegally obtained by the vendor shall be prima facie evidence of a contravention of this act by the purchaser.

**Penalty. SECTION 5.** Any person who contravenes the provisions of this act shall, for every such offense, upon conviction be fined not less than five dollars or more than twenty dollars together with costs for prosecution and one-half of the penalty shall be paid to the prosecutor. Provided that nothing in this act shall prohibit anyone from digging ginseng on his own land at any time.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 12, 1905.