

CHAPTER 251.

AN ACT to amend 29.575 (4), (6) and (11) of the statutes, relating to muskrat farms.

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

SECTION 1. 29.575 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.575 (4) Thereupon the commission shall appoint one man, the applicant one man, and these two shall select a third man to act as a board to go upon the lands embraced within the license, and determine as near as possible the number of muskrats thereon at the time of the granting of the license. The necessary expenses of all of the members of such board shall be paid by the licensee. Within 10 days after the date of such determination, the licensee shall pay to the conservation commission fifty cents for each muskrat so found on such lands. When such payment has been made the licensee shall become the owner of all of the muskrats on said lands and of all of their offspring remaining thereon. He shall have the right to manage and control said lands and the rats thereon, to take and trap the same at any time or in any manner which he sees fit and deems to the best advantage of his business, and to sell and transport at any time said muskrats or the pelts taken from them. * * *

SECTION 2. 29.575 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.575 (6) Within 30 days after the date of the issuance of any such license, the licensee shall erect posts or stakes at intervals of not more than * * * 12 rods along the boundary of the land embraced in said license, wherever the same are not already inclosed, and shall post and maintain upon said posts, stakes or other inclosures * * * notices * * * proclaiming the establishment of a muskrat farm. * * * *Such notices shall be furnished by the conservation commission to the licensee at cost.*

SECTION 3. 29.575 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.575 (11) Any person operating a muskrat farm under licenses granted by the provisions of this chapter, shall not trap any animals for pelting purposes during the close season provided for by this chapter, except on a permit granted by and under supervision of the state conservation commission; and all skins of such animals so taken during close season shall be * * * tagged * * * *with a tag to be furnished by the conservation commission to the licensee at cost, not exceeding one cent each.* No muskrats on licensed farms shall be killed at any time by gun shot or spear.

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