

CHAPTER 527.

AN ACT to amend 29.13 (1), 29.575 (5), 29.576 (5) and 29.577 (5) of the statutes, relating to wild animal fur farm and trapping licenses.

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

SECTION 1. 29.13 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.13 (1) Trapping licenses, which * * * authorize the use of traps for trapping fur-bearing animals, shall be issued by the state conservation commission, * * * and by the county clerks of the several counties on blanks supplied by the commission, subject to the provisions of section 29.09, to persons duly applying therefor who have resided in this state for at least one year next preceding the application. The fee for each such license is * * * \$1.50. If a trapper employs any person in trapping, a license * * * is required for each * * * person so employed. Each trap used under a trapping license shall be tagged with a metal tag * * * stamped * * * with the year for which the tag is issued. Such tags shall be furnished by the conservation commission and sold by the commission or the county clerk upon payment of * * * 10 cents for each tag * * *; the county clerk * * * is allowed * * * one-half cent per tag for the sale of such tags. All untagged traps shall be seized and confiscated, and the owner or person using or attending * * * such untagged traps * * * shall be punished * * * as provided in section 29.63 (1) (d) and section 29.63 (3).

SECTION 2. 29.575 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.575 (5) The holder of any such license shall pay an annual license fee of * * * \$3.75 for any such farm of 10 acres or under, and an additional fee for any additional land actually devoted to muskrat farming as follows: * * * 22-1/2 cents per acre for the next 30 acres; * * * 15 cents per acre for the next 40 acres and * * * 7-1/2 cents per acre for any additional land so used.

SECTION 3. 29.576 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.576 (5) The holder of any such license shall pay an annual license fee of * * * \$3.75 for any such farm of 10 acres or under, and an additional fee for any additional land actually devoted to beaver farming as follows: * * * 22-1/2 cents per acre for the next 30 acres; * * * 15 cents per acre for the next 40 acres and * * * 7-1/2 cents per acre for any additional land so used * * *. Where such a farm is operated in conjunction with a licensed muskrat farm then only the annual license fee for operating the beaver farm must be paid but no additional acreage fee is required. No license shall be issued unless the applicant shall execute and deliver to the conservation commission a bond in a penal sum of not less than * * * \$100 nor more than \$300 within the discretion of the commission, conditioned that he will conduct such beaver farm for a period of not less than 2 breeding seasons; that if at any time he shall discontinue said beaver farm he will have thereon as many beavers as were estimated to be thereon at the time the investigation was made under the provisions of subsection (4) * * *, and that the applicant will not dynamite or otherwise injure the beaver dam or destroy the beaver colony. Such bond shall run to the state * * * and any action thereon shall be begun in the name of the state, under the direction of the attorney-general.

SECTION 4. 29.577 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.577 (5) The holder of any such license shall pay an annual license fee of * * * \$3.75 for any such farm of 10 acres or under, and an additional fee of * * * 37-1/2 cents per acre for any additional land actually devoted to otter, raccoon or skunk farming.

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