

ACTS AND RESOLVES
PASSED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
—OF THE—
STATE OF VERMONT,
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No. 74.—AN ACT RELATING TO BEAR TRAPS.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. A person who sets or causes to be set a bear trap, shall cause to be built and maintained, three-fourths around the same in a substantial manner, a railing or guard not less than three feet high and shall protect the entrance to such trap against domestic animals by placing a pole horizontally, at a height of three feet from the ground, across the points between which it is designed that the bear should enter the trap. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars.

SEC. 2. Justices of the county shall have jurisdiction of offenses under this act.

Approved November 25, 1884.

No. 75.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION THREE
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE,
CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY OF REVISED
LAWS, TO PROTECT GAME.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. No person in this State shall, at any time, take, kill, purchase or receive, or cause to be taken, killed or received, any woodcock or ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, for the purpose of shipping or in any manner disposing of them to parties or persons outside of this State, for traffic or gain. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit, for each offense, ten dollars and cost, one-half to go to the person making the complaint and one-half to the State.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1885.

Approved Nov. 25, 1884.

No. 76.—AN ACT RELATING TO TRAPS.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, as follows:

SEC. 1. A person who sets a spring gun trap, or a trap whose operation is to discharge a gun or firearm at an animal or person stepping into such trap, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more

than five hundred dollars, and shall be further liable to a person suffering damage to his own person or to his domestic animals by such traps, in a civil action, for twice the amount of such damage. If the person injured dies, his personal representative may have the action, as provided in sections two thousand one hundred and thirty-eight and two thousand one hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Laws.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved Nov. 25, 1884.

No. 77.—AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY OF THE REVISED LAWS, ENTITLED, "PRESERVATION OF FISH, GAME AND BIRDS."

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. The word sparrow in section three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six of the Revised Laws relating to the protection of birds, shall not be construed to include English sparrows. Said section is also hereby amended by striking out the word "Woodpecker" from the list of birds protected.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved Nov. 25, 1884.

No. 78.—AN ACT TO REPEAL NO. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN OF THE LAWS OF 1882, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF MUSKRATS."

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Number one hundred and sixteen of the laws of 1882 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved Nov. 24, 1884.