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House Bill No. 265.

(By Mr. Hyre, by request_) Passed_<u>March</u> 14,____1931

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[Passed March 14, 1931; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to protect and to close the hunting, killing, shooting, trapping, snaring, hooking, spearing, killing by means of poisoning, explosives, chemical or mechanical devices, smokers or by any other means, or have in possession any red fox, or to disturb, mutilate or destroy the house, or den of any red fox, or cut any tree housing any red fox for a period of six years in Upshur, Harrison, Jackson, Hardy and Taylor counties, West Virginia, providing for the lawful killing and taking of any red fox in the aforesaid named counties actually found damaging or destroying poultry or other personal property of a land owner, by such land owner, his family, employee, agent or tenant, providing for the chasing for sport of red foxes, and providing that the pelt of any red fox so killed shall be taken from and off the market and shall not be sold during the closed season.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, asso-



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2 ciation or associations, to catch, kill, or injure by means of gun or 3 guns, share or snares, trap or traps, spear or spears, hook or 4 hooks, or by means of poison, the use of explosives, chemicals or 5 mechanical devices, smokers, or by any other means, any red 6 fox or to have in his, her, it, its or their possession any live red 7 fox or any raw fur of any red fox, or to disturb, mutilate or de-8 stroy the house or den of any red fox, or to eut down or into 9 any tree knowingly which contains the den of any red fox, in the 10 counties of Upshur, Jackson, Hardy or Taylor, state of West 11 Virginia, after the passage of this act for a period of six years: 12 Provided, That nothing in this act shall prevent any person, per-13 sons, association or associations from chasing the red fox for 14 sport during the closed season : And provided further, That noth-15 ing herein shall prohibit the owner of real estate, any member 16 of his family, his employee or his duly authorized agent, or his 17 tenant in possession of said land from killing otherwise than by 18 poison, explosives, chemicals or smoke any red fox actually 19 found damaging or destroving his poultry or other personal 20 property on his premises: And provided further, That the pelt 21 of any red fox so killed in Upshur, Harrison, Jackson, Hardy or 22 Taylor counties as aforesaid shall not be offered, exposed or put

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23 on market for sale in said county, or in any other county or 24 counties in the state of West Virginia or in any other state in 25 the United States during said such closed season.

Sec. 2. Any person, persons, association or associations vio-2 lating this act or any provision thereof, shall be guilty of a mis-3 demeanor and upon conviction thereof shall for each offense be 4 fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred 5 dollars or confined in the county jail not less than ten nor more 6 than thirty days, or both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion 7 of the court within the limitations aforesaid.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts that contravene or are in 2 conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT 4 [Enrolled H. B. No. 265 Chairman Senate Committee eaker of the House of Delegates. V.N. M.a.C. Clerk of the House of Delegates. V. .0. President of the Senate. J. in' 32 Clerk of the Senate. The within is ... day of 1931. this Chairman House Committee. Governor. The vetoing of this act does Head