

CHAPTER 78.

[S. B. 14.]

PROTECTION OF BEAVERS.

AN ACT relating to the protection and propagation of beavers, providing penalties, and amending Section 40 of Chapter 120 of the Laws of 1913.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 40 of Chapter 120 of the Laws of 1913 be amended to read as follows:

Section 40. Beavers. No person shall in any manner hunt for, trap, take, catch or kill any beaver in this state or have in his possession alive or dead any beaver or any part thereof which has been caught or killed in this state. Nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to prevent any person residing in this state from having in his possession or from buying, selling or handling skins of beaver lawfully caught or killed outside of this state. *Provided further* that when any beaver skins are shipped into this state the consignee shall notify the state game warden of the place where said skins are stored, and said game warden shall inspect said skins and satisfy himself that they were not killed in the State of Washington and being so satisfied he shall stamp said skins with the words "Killed outside the State of Washington." Upon said skins being so stamped they may be offered for sale. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Unlawful killing or possession.

Dealing in foreign skins authorized.

Penalty.

Passed the Senate, February 17, 1919.

Passed the House, February 27, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 4, 1919.