

CHAPTER 257.

[ H. B. 183. ]

PREDATORY ANIMALS.

AN ACT relating to and providing for control of predatory animals; authorizing cooperation with the United States in the control of such predatory animals and defining the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture in relation thereto, and declaring an emergency.

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

Department of Agriculture to cooperate in destruction of predators.

SECTION 1. The State Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, in the control and destruction of coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bobcats, and other predatory animals in this state that are injurious to livestock, poultry, game, and the public health in accordance with organized and systematic plans of the Fish and Wildlife Service covering the control and destruction of such predatory animals; and for this purpose to enter into written agreements with the Fish and Wildlife Service covering the methods and procedure to be followed in the control and destruction of such predatory animals, the extent of supervision to be exercised by either or both the State Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the use and expenditure of the funds appropriated therefor: *Provided*, That the State Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, is authorized also to enter into cooperative agreements with other governmental agencies, and counties, associations, corporations, or individuals when such cooperation is deemed to be necessary to promote the control and destruction of predatory animals.

Enter written agreements.

Join with other agencies.

SEC. 2. The State Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to make such expenditures for equipment, materials, supplies and other expenses, including expenditures for personal services, as may be necessary to execute the functions imposed upon it by this act and as may be provided for by the Legislature from time to time.

To make expenditures.

SEC. 3. All skins and specimens taken by hunters whose salaries are paid out of funds appropriated for the administration of this act shall be disposed of in such manner as the State Department of Agriculture shall determine to be in the best interests of the state: *Provided*, That if such skins or specimens are sold, the net proceeds of such sales shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund in the State Treasury.

Dispose of skins and specimens.

Proceeds to treasury.

SEC. 4. Should the Courts declare any section, provision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase or part thereof of this act invalid, then such decisions shall affect only the section, provision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase or part thereof so declared invalid and shall not affect any other part of this act.

Saving clause.

SEC. 5. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Conflicting acts repealed.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Effective immediately.

Passed the House February 10, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1943.