

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

[H. B. No. 330.]

FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH, AND CREATING OFFICE OF GAME WARDEN.

AN ACT for the protection of game animals and birds, song birds and game fish, creating the office of State Game Warden, and defining duties and imposing additional duties on county game wardens.

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

State game warden.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the office of state game warden, and the state fish commissioner shall be *ex officio* such officer.

Duties

SEC. 2. The state game warden shall have full control and supervision over all county game wardens appointed in pursuance to any statute now existing on the statute books of this state, and may have the power to appoint said county game wardens special deputy fish commissioners for the county in which said county game wardens may reside and shall have general supervision over the enforcement and execution of all laws of this state for the protection of game animals, game birds, song birds and game fish, and shall have all the authority and powers as a peace officer conferred on county game wardens by any law of this state.

Report.

SEC. 3. The said state game warden in connection with his report as said fish commissioner, shall annually, on December first, report to the governor of this state a full account of his actions as said state game warden; also the operation and result of all laws pertaining to the protection of game animals, game birds and game fish.

Expenses.

SEC. 4. The expenses of the county game wardens may be paid in the discretion of the state game warden and state fish commissioner for all services performed by them as deputy fish commissioners, upon the request or direction of said state game warden and said state fish commissioner, and said expenses when so audited

and allowed are made payable out of the fish commissioner's traveling and incidental expense fund.

Passed the House March 2, 1899.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

[H. B. No. 296.]

AS TO GAME ANIMALS AND BIRDS.

AN ACT to amend sections 2, 3, 12, 13 and 15 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of game animals and birds, and song birds, and to define and punish as misdemeanors all violations thereof, vesting the county commissioners with authority to appoint game wardens, defining their duties, fixing their compensation, and defining the duties of certain county, precinct and municipal peace officers, and repealing sections 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 271, 272 of the penal code of the State of Washington," approved March 11, 1897.

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

SECTION 1. That section two of an act entitled "An Amendment.

act for the protection of game animals and birds, and song birds, and to define and punish as misdemeanors all violations thereof, vesting the county commissioners with authority to appoint game wardens, defining their duties, fixing their compensation, and defining the duties of certain county, precinct and municipal peace officers, and repealing sections 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 271, 272 of the penal code of the State of Washington," is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 2. Every person who shall, within the

State of Washington, at any time between the fifteenth day of December of any year and the fifteenth day of September of the following year, hunt, pursue, take, kill, injure or destroy any deer, shall be guilty of a Closed season.