

§ 4828. Taking of rabbit or fur-bearing animals by landowner; selectboard; certificate; penalty

(a)(1) The provisions of law or rules of the Board relating to the taking of rabbits or fur-bearing animals shall not apply to:

(A) an owner, the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker of property protecting the property from damage by rabbits or fur-bearing animals; or

(B) a member of the selectboard of a town protecting public highways or bridges from such damage or submersion with the permission of the owner of lands affected.

(2) A person who for compensation sets a trap for rabbits or fur-bearing animals on the property of another in defense of that property shall possess a valid trapping license.

(3) if required by rule of the Board, an owner; the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker; a member of the selectboard; or a person who sets a trap for compensation who desires to possess during the closed season the skins of any fur-bearing animals taken in defense of property, highways, or bridges shall notify the Commissioner or the Commissioner's representative within 84 hours after taking the animal, and shall hold the pelts for inspection by such authorized representatives.

(b) Before disposing of pelts taken under this section, if required by rule of the Board, the property owner; the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker; a member of the selectboard; or a person who sets a trap for compensation shall secure from the Commissioner or a designee a certificate describing the pelts, and showing that the pelts were legally taken during a closed season and in defense of property, highways, or bridges. In the event of storage, sale, or transfer, the certificates shall accompany the pelts. (Added 1961, No. 119, § 1, eff. May 9, 1961; amended 1983, No. 213 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; 1995, No. 93 (Adj. Sess.), § 1, eff. March 28, 1996; 2017, No. 170 (Adj. Sess.), § 11, eff. Jan. 1, 2020.)

attempt to take and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take fish or wild animals, provided that when taking is allowed by law, reference is had to taking by lawful means and in a lawful manner.

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(27) Commissioner: Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife.

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(31) Big game: deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, caribou, elk, and anadromous Atlantic salmon taken in the Connecticut River Basin.

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(40) Domestic pet: domesticated dogs, domesticated cats, domesticated ferrets, psittacine birds, or any domesticated animal.

Sec. 13. FISH AND WILDLIFE BOARD RULES; TRAPPING

On or before January 1, 2019, the Fish and Wildlife Board shall adopt by rule those requirements of Fish and Wildlife Board Rule 44 regarding the trapping of fur-bearing animals that shall apply to persons trapping for compensation under 10 V.S.A. § 4828.

* * * Coyote Hunting * * *

Sec. 14. 10 V.S.A. § 4716 is added to read:

§ 4716. COYOTE-HUNTING COMPETITIONS; PROHIBITION

(a) As used in this section, “coyote-hunting competition” means a contest in which people compete in the capturing or taking of coyotes for a prize.

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§ 4706. Snaring animals

A person shall not take an animal by snaring nor shall he or she possess a snare with intent to use the same. (Added 1961, No. 119, § 1, eff. May 9, 1961.)

...4.0 Restrictions

4.1 A person trapping for fur-bearing animals under this rule shall visit his/her traps at least once every calendar day, except as provided in paragraph 4.2, and dispatch or release any animal caught therein.

4.2 A person who sets body gripping traps in the water or under the ice, or foothold or cage traps under the ice shall visit his/her traps at least once every three calendar days and remove any animal caught therein.

4.3 A person shall not set a trap on lands other than his/her own which does not have his/her name and address permanently and legibly stamped or engraved thereon, or on a tag of rustless material securely attached thereto.

4.4 All traps under ice will be marked with a tag visible above the ice.

4.5 A person shall not set a body gripping trap with a jaw spread over eight inches measured inside the jaws unless the trap is set five feet or more above the ground, or in the water.

4.6 A person shall not use toothed foothold traps or snares when trapping under this section.

4.7 A person shall not set a trap between December 31 and the following fourth Saturday in October unless the trap is in the water, under the ice, or on a float in the water.

4.8 A person shall not possess a living fur-bearing animal, except as provided by rules of the board or 10 V.S.A. part 4.

4.9 A person shall not possess a fur-bearing animal trapped outside of its legal season without the written authorization of the Department, not to include animals taken pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4828.

4.10 A person shall not possess fur or skin of a fur-bearing animal unlawfully taken.

4.11 A person shall not take a fur-bearing animal by use of any poisonous mixture.

4.12 A person shall not take a fur-bearing animal from dens by cutting, digging, smoking, by the use of chemicals, or by the use of mechanical devices.