

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 356

Approved by the Governor April 11, 1973

Introduced by Anderson, 37

AN ACT relating to taxidermists; to provide for permits for taxidermists; to require duties of the permittee; to provide for violations; to provide penalties; and to provide an operative date.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to perform taxidermy services on any game, as defined in section 37-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, for any person other than himself without first obtaining a taxidermist permit from the Game and Parks Commission. The permit must be conspicuously posted at the location where taxidermy services are performed. The fee for such permit will be five dollars per annum. Such permit shall expire on December 31 of the year for which issued.

(2) Original application for a taxidermist permit shall be made to the Game and Parks Commission upon such form and containing such information as may be prescribed by the commission but including address of the premises where taxidermist services will be provided and a statement of the applicant's qualifications and experience as a taxidermist. Requests for renewals of existing permits shall be made by letter to the Game and Parks Commission not later than thirty days preceding the expiration date of the permit.

(3) A permit shall authorize a taxidermist to:

(a) Receive, transport, hold in custody or possession, mount, or otherwise prepare game fish, game animals, fur-bearing animals, raptors, and all other birds and creatures protected by Chapter 37, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and amendments thereto, and return them to the legal owner or his agent from whom received; and (b) sell captive-reared game fish, game animals, game birds, or other birds and mammals which he has lawfully acquired and mounted. Such mounted specimens may be placed on consignment by the taxidermist for sale and may be held by such consignee for the purpose of sale.

(4) Permittees must keep accurate records of operations, on a calendar-year basis, showing the names

and addresses of persons from and to whom specimens of game fish, game animals, fur-bearers, game birds, raptors, or other birds or creatures protected by Chapter 37, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and amendments thereto, or their nests or eggs were received or delivered, the number and species of such, and the dates of receipt and delivery. In addition to other records required by this subsection, the permittee must maintain in his file proper invoices or other documents confirming his lawful acquisition of captive-reared game fish, game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, or other birds or mammals being held by him including those which are on consignment for sale. Permittees must retain such records not less than one year following the end of the calendar year covered by the records. Such records shall be available for inspection by duly authorized employees or agents of the Game and Parks Commission during normal business hours.

(5) Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days.

Sec. 2. This act shall become operative on January 1, 1974.