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## AN ACT

For, the better protection of the skunk or pole cat and muskrat providing a method for the taking of such animals and providing penalties

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 *it shall be unlawful for any person to take kill or*  
5 *capture any skunk commonly called pole cat or muskrat*  
6 *from the first day of March to the fifteenth day of*  
7 *November From the fifteenth day of November to the*  
8 *first day of March such animals may be taken only by*  
9 *the use of metal traps or "dead falls" and in no other*  
10 *manner whatsoever*

11 Section 2 It shall be unlawful for any person to  
12 shoot a skunk or muskrat or to take or capture such  
13 animals from holes or dens by digging smoking or the  
14 use of chemicals

1 Section 3 Skunk and muskrat which are injuring prop-  
2 erty or have become a nuisance may be taken or killed  
3 or captured at any time in any manner

4 Section 4 Any person violating any of the provisions  
5 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
6 conviction thereof before any magistrate alderman or justice  
7 of the peace shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not  
8 less than ten dollars or more than fifty dollars or un-  
9 dergo an imprisonment in the county jail one day for  
10 each dollar fine and costs