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## Private Acts of 1915 Chapter 347

**SECTION 1.** That it shall be unlawful for any person to set, more than two hundred yards from his residence, in counties of 191,430 to 191,450 and in counties of 149,470 to 149,490, in population in Tennessee according to the Federal Census of 1910 and all subsequent censuses, a steel trap, a dead fall, or any other device that is liable to cause or capable of causing lingering pain or suffering to any animal, beast or person caught therein, thereby or thereunder; *provided that* nothing in this Act shall be construed as prohibiting any person from setting, anywhere upon his own lands, a steel trap on top of a post or pole and more than four feet above the ground or on the ground above a dead fowl killed by a hawk--the purpose in setting such steel trap in such place to be the catching of the hawk--and *provided further*, that said trap set under said conditions shall be closed or taken up before six o'clock P.M., each and every day.

As amended by:

Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 124

**SECTION 2.** That a violation of this Act shall constitute a misdemeanor, and any person convicted of such misdemeanor shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each steel trap, dead fall, or other device which he sets or which he causes to be set in violation of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** That all grand juries in the county or counties aforesaid shall have inquisitorial powers concerning violation of this Act and shall make due presentment of all persons violating any of its provisions; and Circuit and Criminal Court Judges shall give this act in charge to said grand juries.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 7, 1915.

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