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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 257**

S. P. 93

In Senate, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Tending Tree or Pole Sets Under the Trapping Laws.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, trapping is one of Maine's greatest natural resources and should be conserved for the benefit of the people of Maine; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary for the conservation of animals trapped in Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., T. 12, § 2351, amended.** The first sentence of section 2351 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any person trapping in any organized or incorporated place shall visit each trap or cause the same to be visited at least once in every calendar day including Sunday, except beaver sets, so called, and **except tree or pole sets, so called, where the trap is elevated to a distance of 4 feet, or more, above the surface of the ground or snow, directly beneath said trap,** and remove therefrom or cause to be removed any animal found caught therein.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.