

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 347**

H. P. 273

House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning Killing of Wild Animals Destroying Property.**

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

**12 MRSA § 2354, sub-§ 7.** as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 364, is amended to read:

**7. Destruction of property.** Except as provided in subsection 1 as it applies to deer, any person may lawfully kill, or cause to be killed, any wild animal night or day, except beaver or any wild bird, found in the act of attacking, worrying or wounding that person's domestic animals ~~or destroying that person's property.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to allow the department to regulate the taking of animals, such as bear and raccoon, whose populations may be adversely affected by over harvesting.