

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 200

In Senate, February 13, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require Traps in the Unorganized Territories to be Visited Once Every  
24 Hours.**

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

**12 MRSA § 2351, first sentence**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 403, § 14, is further amended to read:

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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The current statute states that any person trapping in an organized or incorporated place shall visit or cause to be visited each trap at least once every 24 hours. While this alleviates unnecessary suffering of animals trapped in unorganized or incorporated places, it ignores those animals trapped in unorganized places which may suffer for days before the trapper visits his traps. This bill requires each trap, whether in organized or unorganized territories, to be visited once every 24 hours.