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suant to Jo Wildlife sug	itted by the Depar int Rule 24. Refe igested and 1,400 slative Council pur	tment of Inla rence to the ordered prir	e Committee on nted. Approved for	d Wildlife pur- Fisheries and
Presented	by Representat	ive Master		PERT, Clerk
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	_		OUR LORD	-TWO
	AN ACT R Nui	telating to isance Wild	Control of llife.	
Be it enac	ted by the Peop	ole of the	State of Maine	e as follows:
	1. 12 MRSA nded by adding			
section sh	on who kills all report the ection 7502, sub	incident to	o a game war	
Sec. c. 420, §1 read:	2. 12 MRSA ; , is amended by	§ 7502, sub adding at	-§1, as enact the end a n	ed by PL 197 ew sentence
For purpo grain.	ses of this se	ction, cor	n shall_not	be consider

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1 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7504, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1979, 2 c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

3 8. Raccoons and bears.

4 <u>A.</u> The commissioner may suspend the game laws relating 5 to raccoons and bears in such restricted localities and 6 for such periods of time as he finds it advisable to 7 relieve excessive damage being done by them to sweet 8 corn or other crops.

9 <u>B.</u> The commissioner may suspend subsection 6 for the 10 purpose only of allowing dogs to be used in hunting and 11 killing raccoons and bears, providing the dogs are 12 under the personal supervision of the owner at all 13 times, for such periods of time as the commissioner 14 finds it advisable.

Statement of Fact

16 The purposes of this bill are:

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17 1. To clarify procedures which must be followed when a 18 wild animal is killed in the act of destroying property;

19 2. To allow farmers to control bears and other wild 20 animals which are substantially damaging corn fields; and

3. To allow the use of dogs in controlling bears whichare substantially damaging crops.

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