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Original bill sponsored by Representative ROTONDI of Athens. Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Regulate the Taking of Turtles for Commercial Purposes.

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

Whereas, snapping turtles are harvested during the summer months; and

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1 Whereas, the inhumane disposal of unwanted 2 snapping turtles in the past has created a nuisance 3 and public health hazard; and

4 Whereas, rules regarding snapping turtles should 5 be promulgated by the Department of Inland Fisheries 6 and Wildlife before the next season; and

7 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these 8 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the 9 Constitution of Maine and require the following 10 legislation as immediately necessary for the 11 preservation of the public peace, health and safety; 12 now, therefore,

13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 14 follows:

15 12 MRSA \$7470 is enacted to read:

16 §7470. Commercial harvest of snapping turtles

17 <u>1. Commercial snapping turtle permit. Persons</u>
18 <u>harvesting snapping turtles for purposes of resale are</u>
19 required to obtain a permit from the commissioner.

20 2. Rules. The commissioner shall promulgate 21 rules pertaining to harvest methods, confinement and 22 disposal of snapping turtles.

23 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency 24 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when 25 approved.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This new draft creates a permit for persons 28 harvesting snapping turtles for commercial purposes. 29 This will help ensure that the capture, confinement 30 and disposal of snapping turtles is handled in a 31 humane manner.

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