

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 555

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act Concerning the Use of Leg Hold Traps for Coyote in the  
Unorganized Territory.**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.  
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, GIERINGER of Portland, GOODWIN of  
Pembroke, LANE of Enfield, TUTTLE of Sanford, WINSOR of Norway, Senators:  
MICHAUD of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7432, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 913,  
5 Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Failure to visit traps.** A person is guilty of failure  
7 to visit traps if that person:

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9 A. While trapping in any organized or incorporated place,  
10 fails to visit each trap, except under ice water sets for  
11 beaver and muskrat, or fails to cause the same to be visited  
12 at least once in every calendar day, including Sunday;

13 B. While trapping in any unorganized or deorganized place,  
14 fails to visit each trap, except for leg hold traps set for  
15 coyote, killer-type traps and water sets, so-called, or  
16 fails to cause the same to be visited at least once in every  
17 calendar day, including Sunday; ~~or~~

18 C. While trapping in any unorganized or deorganized place,  
19 fails to visit each killer-type trap or water set,  
20 so-called, except under ice water sets for beaver and  
21 muskrat, or fails to cause the same to be visited at least  
22 once in every 5 calendar days, including Sunday; ~~or~~

23 E. While trapping in any unorganized or deorganized place,  
24 fails to visit a leg hold trap set for coyote or fails to  
25 cause the same to be visited at least once every 72 hours,  
26 including Sunday.

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32 **SUMMARY**

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34 This bill requires leg hold traps set for coyote in  
35 unorganized or deorganized places to be checked at least once  
36 every 72 hours. Current law requires those traps to be visited  
37 at least once a day.  
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