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House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

An Act To Ensure the Safe and Timely Retrieval of Wounded Bear

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representative: TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11305 is enacted to read:

6 **§11305. Permit to dispatch wounded bear**

8 **1. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a permit to dispatch wounded bear to a person licensed to guide hunters under section 12853.

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12 **2. Restrictions.** Notwithstanding section 11205, subsection 1, paragraph A and section 11206, subsection 1, paragraph A, a licensed guide who holds a valid permit to dispatch wounded bear may carry a firearm at night or on Sunday for the sole purpose of dispatching a bear that has been wounded by that guide's client. A guide pursuing a wounded bear under this subsection may use a dog on a leash to help locate the bear without the need to be licensed under section 11109, subsection 3, paragraph N.

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20 **3. Fee.** The commissioner may charge a transaction fee of up to \$5 to cover the administrative costs of issuing a permit to dispatch wounded bear.

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue permits to licensed guides to dispatch wounded bear. The bill also authorizes the commissioner to charge a \$5 fee to cover the administrative costs of issuing a permit.