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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Bag Limit on and Registration of Bears.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-A, amended. The last sentence of section 2355-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 16 of chapter 404 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed as follows:

~~Any person who kills a black bear shall report the same within 7 days thereafter to the commissioner on forms provided by said commissioner.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-B, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2355-B, to read as follows:

§ 2355-B. Bag limit on bears

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, trap, take or kill, or have in possession more than one bear in any calendar year, except the commissioner may authorize the taking of nuisance bears and except any cub born during such calendar year.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-C, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2355-C, to read as follows:

§ 2355-C. Registration of bear

The commissioner shall establish bear registration stations for the purpose of registering all bear killed. Said stations shall be in charge of an agent designated by the commissioner and a list of the same shall be published in one or more daily newspapers of the State. Said agents shall register each

and every bear legally presented for registration, and shall attach a metal seal to each bear in the manner as directed and with the materials furnished by the commissioner. Said agent shall receive from the person registering a bear the sum of 25¢ for each such seal to be retained by him.

All bear killed shall be presented for registration at the first open bear registration station on the route taken by the person who killed said bear and said bear shall be registered in his name.

No person shall present a bear for registration or allow to be registered in his name any bear which he himself did not kill.

No person shall keep a bear at his home, or at any place of storage except a bear registration station, more than 72 hours unless said bear has been legally registered.

No person shall have in possession at any time any parts of a bear which has not been legally registered as provided in this section, except in accordance with section 2354.