

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 551**

S. P. 190

In Senate, February 4, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Visiting Water Sets under Trapping Laws.**

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

Whereas, the present law provides that each trap, except beaver sets, shall be visited daily by the trapper; and

Whereas, this provision creates great inconvenience and hardship on the trappers of Maine; and

Whereas, the purpose of the following legislation is vitally necessary to eliminate this provision as it relates to water sets and thus remove some of the hardship on trappers; and

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

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 2351, amended.** The first sentence of section 2351 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any person trapping in any organized or incorporated place shall visit each trap or cause the same to be visited at least once in every calendar day including Sunday, except beaver sets, so called, and water sets, so called, and remove therefrom or cause to be removed any animal found caught therein.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.