

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 437 House of Representatives, February 1, 1973  
Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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### AN ACT Relating to Trapping Beaver in West Brook, York County.

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

**Trapping beaver in West Brook, York County.** It shall be unlawful to set any trap or traps for beaver or take any beaver from West Brook, otherwise called West River, in the Town of Wells, York County. Any violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Several months ago it became apparent that a new colony of beavers had located in West Brook, otherwise known as West River, at a spot where no beavers in the past had been seen. The beavers have since built a house and dam.

When it became known throughout the neighborhood that beaver were at work nearby, their presence became quite an attraction and many of the neighbors expressed the desire to take steps to protect them against any disturbing influences, especially against traps and trappers.

The North Berwick Rod and Gun Club became interested in the new colony of beavers and in a regular stated meeting of the club voted to propose legislation favorable to the protection of this new colony.