

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1491

H. P. 1158

House of Representatives, March 14, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Herrick of Harmony.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Hunting and Trapping Bear.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-A, amended. The first sentence of section 2355-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 274 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

There shall be a closed season on bear from ~~January 1st to May 31st in each calendar year~~ the first Monday following Thanksgiving to May 31st of the next calendar year.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-A, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2355-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 20 of chapter 403 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful to trap bear in the State from ~~January 1st to June 1st of each calendar year~~ the first Monday following Thanksgiving to May 31st of the next calendar year.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-A, amended. Section 2355-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 274 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following new paragraph:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a dog or dogs in conjunction with bear hunting during the open firearm season on deer.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 2355-B, amended. Section 2355-B of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 289 and as amended by

section 2 of chapter 528, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended 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~~ 5 bear in any calendar year, except the commissioner may authorize the taking of nuisance bears.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill would close the bear season when the deer season ends, prohibit the use of dogs during the deer season and increase the limit from one to 5.