

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1437

H. P. 1143

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connors of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase the Fine for Molesting Traps.

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

12 MRSA § 3060, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Molesting traps. Whoever disturbs any trap or takes any fur-bearing animal from any trap other than his own without the consent of the owner of such trap in violation of the prohibition of the last paragraph of section 245¹ shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The current fine usually given for molesting traps is \$20. As the long-haired pelts of many animals are currently worth considerably more than \$20, the current fine almost amounts to a license to molest traps. This bill increases the minimum fine for molesting traps to \$200, which should prove a sufficient deterrent to that molesting.