

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 34

House of Representatives, January 11, 1977

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-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Bear Hunting with Dogs.

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

12 **MRSA § 2355-D**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 266, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2355-D. Hunting bear with dogs

It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons hunting together, to use more than 6 dogs at any one time for the purpose of hunting bear.

If the person owning or controlling dogs used to hunt bear is a nonresident, that person shall be accompanied by a registered Maine guide during all the time those dogs are used to hunt bear.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill accomplishes 2 things. First, it increases from 4 to 6 the number of dogs which a person may use to hunt bear, in order to permit 2 dogs to be trained while 2 experienced dogs are used to trail bear and 2 more to tree. Second, it requires that a nonresident using dogs to hunt bear must be accompanied by a registered Maine guide. This requirement will ensure that dogs do not do damage to the property of local residents and will also help ensure safer shooting and hunting.