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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 373

H. P. 288

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Chemical Control of Vertebrate Animals.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2452, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 739, § 9, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1471-N is enacted to read:

§ 1471-A. Chemical control of vertebrate animals

It shall be unlawful to use poisons to kill foxes, dogs or other vertebrate land animals, except vermin within a building, except as hereinafter provided. The board may grant permits to use poisons to members of its staff and to agents of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The board may also grant permits for the use of poisons in the destruction of rodents to persons engaged in the production of agricultural commodities and the maintenance of ornamental plantings.

The control of rats on private and public premises and in municipal dumping areas is exempted from this section, provided that this control is performed in accordance with all other provisions of this chapter, the board's regulations and the registered label of the rodenticide employed.

The board or its duly appointed agents may in an emergency use these devices or methods as are necessary for control of wild dogs or other wild animals.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to control the use of chemicals regarding vertebrate animals.