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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 448

H. P. 355

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Prohibit the Hunting of Bear with Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. ~~12~~ **MRSA § 2355-A**, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 266, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. ~~12~~ **MRSA § 2355-D**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 266, § 2, is further amended to read:

§ 2355-D. Hunting bear with dogs

It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons hunting together, to use ~~more than 4 dogs at any one time~~ **one or more dogs** for the purpose of hunting bear.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will prohibit the use of dogs in the hunting of bear. The use of dogs in hunting has resulted in the mutilation and destruction of bear and other wildlife. The practice of allowing the use of dogs is less humane than other procedures that do not result in prolonged pain and suffering for the bear.