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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 537

S. P. 205 In Senate, February 14, 1979 Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for a Closed Season on Black Bear from the First Monday Following Thanksgiving to July 1st.

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

12 MRSA § 2355-A, first \P , as amended by PL 1973, c. 257, § 1, is further amended to read:

There shall be a closed season on bear from the first Monday following Thanksgiving to May 1st July 1st of the next calendar year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the closed season on bear runs from the first Monday following Thanksgiving to July 1st instead of from the first Monday following Thanksgiving to May 1st. This limitation of the hunting season on bear to approximately 5 months will protect bear during the rest of the year when they are with young and when their fur is not as desirable.