

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 570**

H. P. 457

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Martin of Brunswick.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Prohibit Hunting of Bear with Dogs and to Prohibit Hunting Bear with Bait.**

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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 further amended to read:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a dog or dogs in conjunction with bear hunting ~~during the period from May 1st to August 1st and during the regular firearms season on deer.~~

**Sec. 2.** 12 MRSA § 2355-A, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 67, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**It shall be unlawful to place salt or any other bait or food in any place for the purpose of enticing bear thereto.**

**Sec. 3.** 12 MRSA § 2355-D, as amended by PL 1975, c. 266, § 2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits hunting of bear with dogs and prohibits the use of bait to entice bears.

It is inhumane for a human being carrying a firearm to use dogs to hunt bear and the practice should be prohibited. The use of bait causes unsightly and widespread litter; using bear bait is unnecessary and should be prohibited.