

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

**Legislative Document**

**No. 634**

H. P. 497

House of Representatives, February 16, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. 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-NINE

**AN ACT to Regulate the Hunting of Bear.**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2355**, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 503, § 15, is further amended to read:

**§ 2355. Registration and transportation of deer and bear**

**1. Registration stations.** The commissioner shall establish deer **and bear** registration stations for the purpose of registering all deer **and bear** killed. Said stations shall be in charge of an agent designated by the commissioner and a list of the same shall be published in one or more daily newspapers of the State. Said agents shall register each and every deer **or bear** legally presented for registration, and shall attach a metal seal to each deer **or bear** in the manner as directed and with the materials furnished by the commissioner. Said agent shall receive from the person registering a deer **or bear** the sum of 25¢ for each seal to be retained by him.

**2. Registration and tags.**

**A.** No person shall at any time in any manner move or transport any deer **or bear**, or part thereof, unless open to view and there is securely attached thereto the deer **or bear** tag portion of the hunting license bearing the name and address of the person who killed that deer **or bear** and that deer **or bear** shall be

accompanied by him while being moved or transported, except as otherwise provided in chapters 301 to 337.

**B.** All deer or bear killed shall be presented for registration at the first open deer and bear registration station on the route taken by the person who killed said deer or bear and said deer or bear shall be registered in his name.

**C.** No person shall present a deer or bear for registration or allow to be registered in his name any deer or bear which he himself did not lawfully kill.

**3. Deer or bear at home or left in woods.**

**A.** No person shall keep a deer or bear at his home, or at any place of storage, except a deer or bear registration station, more than 12 hours unless said deer or bear has been legally registered.

**B.** Prior to presenting a deer or bear for registration, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess or to leave in the fields or forests a deer or bear which he has killed which does not have securely attached thereto, and plainly visible, the deer or bear tag portion of his hunting license bearing his full name and address. Any deer or bear so found, to which the deer or bear tag portion of said license has not been attached, shall be seized and disposed of as directed by the commissioner.

**5. Giving deer or bear away; labels.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, paragraph A, no person shall have in his possession any part or parts of a deer or bear given to him, unless each separate part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the deer or bear and the name and address of the person to whom it was given and if said part be transported by any 3rd party, that the name and address of the party transporting the same be affixed thereto. This subsection shall not apply to any deer or bear or parts of deer or bear being transported by a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers, in accordance with other provisions of chapters 301 to 335.

**6. Transportation within State.** Any resident of this State, who has legally killed and registered a deer or bear, may have said deer or bear transported within the State, without accompanying the same, by purchasing a deer or bear transportation tag which shall be attached to said deer or bear while being transported. This deer or bear transportation tag shall cost \$3, 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent.

**7. Transportation beyond the State.** Any resident of this State, who has legally killed and registered a deer or bear, may transport said deer or bear or have the same transported beyond the boundaries of this State by purchasing a deer or bear transportation tag which shall be attached to said deer or bear while being transported. This deer or bear transportation tag shall cost \$53.50, 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent, except that no fee shall be required of any resident of this State who is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

**8. Nonresident.** Any nonresident, who has legally killed and registered a deer **or bear**, may have said deer **or bear** transported beyond the boundaries of this State under the following condition:

**A.** Said deer **or bear** or parts thereof may be transported by a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers; **and**

**B.** Said deer **or bear** or parts thereof may be transported by other than a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers, when accompanied by a nonresident transportation permit which may be obtained by the licensee from an inland fish and game warden in whose district the deer **or bear** was killed, or from any inland fish and game warden supervisor.

**9. Printing on nonresident license.** There shall be printed upon the back of the deer **and bear** coupon portion of a nonresident license, which shall be attached to each deer **or bear** so transported, the following words: **THIS DEER WAS SHOT IN THE STATE OF MAINE and THIS BEAR WAS SHOT IN THE STATE OF MAINE.** The first 8 words of **each inscription** shall be printed in 18-point caps and the word "MAINE" in 96-point Gothic type.

**10. Application.** Except as provided in this section, no person shall transport or attempt to transport any deer **or bear** or parts thereof beyond the limits of this State.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2801, first 2 sentences** are amended to read:

No person shall at any time buy, sell or offer for sale or barter any deer **or bear**, or part thereof, except that the heads and hides thereof may be sold to any properly licensed taxidermist for the purpose of preserving and mounting as provided in Title 32, section 4351, and to any dealer as provided in Title 32, section 4352. Whoever aids in buying, selling or offering for sale or barter any deer **or bear**, or part thereof, or counsels or otherwise aids in procuring the same shall be punished in the manner prescribed for the punishment of the principal offender.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend the provisions of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws relating to the transportation and sale of deer to the transportation and sale of bear.