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In Senate, December 4, 1980

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

A. There shall be a closed season on hunting bear from the first Monday following Thanksgiving to ~~April 30th~~ **July 1st** of the next calendar year.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ B and C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, are repealed.

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.