

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 629

H. P. 553

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Abolish the Trapping of Bear.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7452, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1979, c. 543, § 38 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 7452, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Unlawful trapping of bear. A person is guilty, except as provided in subsection 15, paragraph A, of unlawful trapping of bear if he sets a bear trap.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 7452, sub-§ 15, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 723, § 18-B is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Notwithstanding subsection 2-A, a person may use a cable trap with a closing diameter of not less than 2 1/2 inches or a culvert trap so constructed to enclose and hold a bear safely, or both, to trap bears in the State for the purposes described in sections 7502, 7504 and 7242;

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the trapping of bear in this State.