

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1214

S. P. 410

In Senate, March 10, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Redmond of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Allow a Single Permit for Hunting Animal Predators.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7504, sub-§ 8, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

8. Raccoons and other pests.

A. The commissioner may suspend the game laws relating to raccoons and other pests in such restricted localities and for such periods of time as he finds it advisable to relieve excessive damage being done by them to sweet corn or other crops or to domestic livestock.

B. The commissioner may suspend subsection 6 for the purpose only of allowing dogs to be used in hunting and killing raccoons and other specified pests, providing the dogs are under the personal supervision of the owner at all times, for such periods of time as the commissioner finds it advisable.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7504, sub-§ 8, ¶ C is enacted to read:

C. The commissioner may issue a permit to a landowner engaged in the production of food or feed crops or production of meat or animal products for the purpose of hunting raccoon, porcupines and other specified animal pests.

(1) The permit may be issued to a person designated by the landowner.

(2) The permit shall be surrendered to the area warden when the landowner and the warden agree that the need for the permit has ended.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a continuous permit to allow a farmer or his agent to hunt wildlife destroying the farmer's crops or animals.