

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 162

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7 S.P. 55

In Senate, January 12, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent down for  
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Prohibit the Trapping of Bear  
18 with the Leg Hold Steel Jaw Bear Trap.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed  
23 and replaced by PL 1981, c. 224, §1, is repealed.

24 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§2, as amended by PL  
25 1979, c. 543, §38, is repealed.

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

28 2-A. Unlawful trapping of bear. A person is  
29 guilty, except as provided in subsection 15, para-  
30 graph A, of unlawful trapping of bear if he sets a  
31 bear trap.

1           Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶A, as enacted  
2 by PL 1979, c. 543, §40, is repealed and the follow-  
3 ing enacted in its place:

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

10   STATEMENT OF FACT

11           The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the trap-  
12 ping of bear with the leg hold steel jaw bear trap.

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