

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of H.P. 985, L.D. 1290)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1621

H.P. 1227

House of Representatives, May 17, 1983

Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representative Smith of Island Falls.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Season on
Coyotes.

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

12 MRSA §7108 is enacted to read:

§7108. Coyote hunting permit

1. Eligibility. Any person who possesses a valid hunting license is eligible to obtain a permit from the commissioner to hunt coyotes at night, except that no permit may be issued to any person who has been convicted of a violation of section 7406, subsection 5.

2. Issuance. The commissioner shall issue a permit to hunt coyotes at night to eligible persons without any charge or fee.

1 3. Open season. Notwithstanding section 7406,
2 subsection 5, there shall be an open season for hunt-
3 ing coyotes at night in all counties of the State
4 from January 1st to February 28th. The commissioner
5 may terminate this open season at any time in any
6 area if, in his opinion, an immediate emergency ac-
7 tion is necessary due to adverse weather conditions
8 or illegal hunting activity.

9 4. Restrictions. The following restrictions
10 apply during the open season for hunting coyotes at
11 night.

12 A. All hunting shall be limited to the hours
13 between 1/2 hour after sunset and 9 p.m., and to
14 the hours between 4 a.m. and 1/2 hour before sun-
15 rise.

16 B. All hunting shall be limited to the use of
17 shotguns only.

18 C. All hunting shall be limited to areas where
19 the ground is completely covered with snow and to
20 ice covered bodies of water.

21 D. No person may hunt coyotes at night within
22 100 yards of any motor driven vehicle.

23 E. Any person hunting coyotes at night shall be
24 in possession of an electronic, hand-held or
25 mouth-operated predator calling device.

26 5. Revocation. Any hunting license of a person
27 convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of
28 this section shall be revoked and he shall not be
29 eligible to obtain any hunting license for a period
30 of one year from the date of conviction.

31 6. Repeal. This section is repealed on April 1,
32 1986.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This new draft provides for an open season on
35 coyotes for night hunting during the hours specified
36 in Title 12, section 7108, subsection 4. Hunting is

1 limited by the use of shotguns on snow or ice covered
2 areas, at least 100 yards from any motor driven vehi-
3 cle. The conviction of a violation of the section
4 results in a revocation of licenses to hunt for a
5 period of one year.

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