

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 747

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7 H.P. 527

House of Representatives, February 27, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and  
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Michaud of Medway, Representative  
McGowan of Canaan and Representative Rotondi of Athens.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Require Completion of an Education  
18 Program in Order to be Eligible to  
19 Purchase an Initial Trapping License.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1, as enacted by PL  
24 1979, c. 729, §2, is amended to read;

25 1. Eligibility. The following persons are eli-  
26 gible to purchase a trapping license, subject to the  
27 provisions of subsection 7:

28 A. Any resident 16 years of age or older is eli-  
29 gible to purchase a resident trapping license.

30 B. Any resident 10 years of age or older and un-  
31 der 16 years is eligible to purchase a resident  
32 junior trapping license.

33 C. Any resident under 10 years of age may trap  
34 without a license.

1 D. Any nonresident is eligible to purchase a  
2 nonresident trapping license.

3 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted  
4 to read:

5 7. Successful completion of trapper evaluation  
6 program required for license. Any person who applies  
7 for a state license to trap other than a junior li-  
8 cence shall submit proof of having successfully com-  
9 pleted an education course of the type described in  
10 subsection 8 or satisfactory evidence of having pre-  
11 viously held an adult license to trap in this State  
12 or any other state, province or country in any year  
13 beginning with 1978.

14 When proof or evidence cannot otherwise be provided,  
15 the person may substitute a signed affidavit that he  
16 has previously held the required adult trapping li-  
17 cence or that he has successfully completed the re-  
18 quired trapper education course.

19 The provisions of this subsection shall take effect  
20 January 1, 1988.

21 8. Trapper education program established. The  
22 commissioner shall establish a program for training  
23 individuals in safe and responsible trapping skills  
24 and behavior. This program shall include instruction  
25 in the applicable laws and rights and in the appro-  
26 priate principals of wildlife management. For the  
27 purpose of establishing the program the commissioner  
28 may cooperate with any public or private association  
29 having similar goals.

30 In establishing the program the commissioner shall:

31 A. Prescribe the qualifications of instructors;

32 B. Provide for insurance. Each instructor au-  
33 thorized by the commissioner to conduct these  
34 programs shall be covered by liability insurance  
35 protecting him from liability for damages during  
36 the time when instruction is being given. The  
37 cost of this insurance shall be borne by the  
38 State and shall be a charge against the funds  
39 credited to the department;

