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L.D. 385
(Filing No. H-123)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 299, L.D. 385,
Bill, "AN ACT Pertaining to a Training Season for
Bear Dogs."

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Amend the bill in subsection 1 by striking out
all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in
its place the following: 'It is lawful for residents
to train up to 4 dogs on bear from August 1st to Au-
gust 31st except in Washington County and Hancock
County.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment allows residents to train up to 4
dogs on bear within the month of August. It is lim-
ited to residents because of the high incidence of
nuisance complaints involving nonresidents. Also,
since the bill would make Maine one of the few states
in the region that allows training of bear dogs,
there would be an influx of out-of-state trainers if
it was not limited to residents. Washington and Han-
cock Counties were excluded due to potential con-
flicts with blueberry harvesters.

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