

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H.P. 421 House of Representatives, February 26, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning Weapons Carried by Trappers  
2 during Trapping Season.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001, sub-§§4 and 5, as enacted  
7 by PL 1985, c. 478, §2, are amended to read:

8 4. Law enforcement officers and corrections of-  
9 ficers. Law enforcement officers and corrections of-  
10 ficers as permitted in writing by their employer; ~~or~~

11 5. Private investigators. Private investigators  
12 licensed under the laws of this State; or

13 Sec. 2. 25 MSA §2005, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

1 6. Trappers. Licensed, resident trappers carry-  
2 ing a 22-caliber handgun when actively engaged in  
3 trapping as defined in Title 12, section 7001, sub-  
4 section 37.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 This bill allows licensed, resident trappers to  
7 carry a concealed 22-caliber handgun while actively  
8 trapping. Trappers are now advised to purchase a  
9 concealed weapons permit for the trapping season be-  
10 cause they may carry weapons inside their clothing to  
11 protect the weapon against the weather. This does  
12 not authorize carrying the weapon during the trapping  
13 season while the licensee is not actually trapping.

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