

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.
Cosponsored by Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Pertaining to the Sale of Bear.
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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§9, as amended by PL
6 1979, c. 723, §18-A, is further amended to read:

7 9. Buying or selling bear. A person is guilty,
8 except as provided in subsection 15, paragraph B, of
9 buying or selling bear if he that person:

10 A. Buys, sells or offers for sale or barter any
11 bear that is not marked with a bear tag furnished
12 by the commissioner;

13 B. Aids in buying, selling or offering for sale
14 or barter any bear that is not marked with a bear
15 tag furnished by the commissioner; or

1 C. Counsels or otherwise aids in buying, sell-
2 ing, offering for sale or bartering a bear that
3 is not marked with a bear tag furnished by the
4 commissioner.

5 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§9-A is enacted to
6 read:

7 9-A. Buying or selling bear parts. A person is
8 guilty, except as provided in subsection 15, para-
9 graph B, of buying or selling bear parts if that per-
10 son:

11 A. Buys, sells or offers for sale or barter any
12 bear parts;

13 B. Aids in buying, selling or offering for sale
14 or barter any bear parts; or

15 C. Counsels or otherwise aids in buying, selling
16 or offering for sale or barter any bear parts.

17 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§10, as enacted by PL
18 1979, c. 543, §40, is amended to read:

19 10. Possessing unregistered bear or bear parts.
20 A person is guilty, except as provided in subsection
21 15, paragraph C, of possessing unregistered bear or
22 bear parts if he possesses any bear which has not
23 been legally registered as provided in section 7451,
24 subsection 2 or he possesses any bear parts which
25 have not been labeled as provided in subsection 12.

26 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶B, as amended
27 by PL 1985, c. 369, §18, is further amended to read:

28 B. Notwithstanding ~~subsection 9~~ subsections 9-A
29 and 10, the head, teeth, gall bladder, claws and
30 hide of any bear may be sold;

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Section 1 of the bill allows for buying, selling
3 or trading whole bears if they are marked with a bear
4 tag provided by the commissioner. Section 2 makes it
5 illegal to buy, sell or barter bear parts. Section 3
6 makes it illegal to possess bear parts other than the
7 teeth, head, gall bladder, claws or hide except bear
8 parts that have been given as gifts. Section 4 ex-
9 empts certain parts from the prohibition on selling
10 bear parts.

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