

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 823

H.P. 605 House of Representatives, March 18, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require Beekeepers to Effectively  
2 Protect Hives Placed in Areas with  
3 Dense Bear Populations.  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2852, as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
8 572, is repealed.

9 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2852-A is enacted to read:

10 §2852-A. Damage to hives from bears

11 Beekeepers or landowners shall not kill bears,  
12 but may notify game wardens of their presence and re-  
13 quest protection.

1           Sec. 3. 12 MRSAs §7504, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by  
2 PL 1983, c. 440, §11, is repealed and the following  
3 enacted in its place:

4           B. Beekeepers or landowners shall enclose hives  
5           with electric fencing approved by the Department  
6           of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and  
7           shall not set traps in the area of beehives.

8                                      STATEMENT OF FACT

9           The purpose of this bill is to require beekeepers  
10 to properly protect their hives with adequate elec-  
11 tric fencing approved by the Department of Agricul-  
12 ture, Food and Rural Resources and prohibit the set-  
13 ting of traps in the near vicinity of beehives and  
14 the killing of bears themselves. Rather they shall  
15 notify game wardens and request necessary protection.

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