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### (New Draft of H.P. 607, L.D. 825) FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

NO. 1620

H.P. 1189

Reported by Representative WALKER from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Original bill sponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives GREENLAW of Standish, DUFFY of Bangor, and CLARK of Millinocket.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2 3	AN ACT Pertaining to the Placing of Bear Bait.
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
6 7	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-\$1-C is enacted to read:
8	1-C. Bear bait. "Bear bait" means any animal or
9	plant or derivative of an animal or plant used to at-
10	tract bear.
11	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§3 is enacted to
12	read:

1 2	3. Placing of bear bait. Placing of bear bait shall be in conformity with the following provisions.
3 4	A. Bait may not be used to hunt black bear, un-
5 6 7 8	(1) The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle;
9 10 11	(2) The stand, blind and bait area are tagged by a 2-inch by 4-inch tag with the name and address of the baiter;
1 <b>2</b> 13	(3) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any dump or campground;
14 15 16 17	(4) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or leasee;
18 19	(5) The bait is placed not more than 30 days before the opening day of the season;
20 21 22	(6) The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10, as defined by the state litter laws; and
23 24 25	(7) The person hunting from any stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.
26	STATEMENT OF FACT
27 28 29	This new draft enacts stricter requirements on bear baiters to avoid conflicts and problems during the bear season.