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### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

# Legislative Document

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H.P. 1635 House of Representatives, February 10, 1988 Reported by Representative FARREN from the Committee on Fisheries and Hildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Original bill sponsored by Representative JACQUES of

Waterville. Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2 3	AN ACT to Prohibit Hunting, Trapping, Molesting or Harassing of Bear Near Dumps.
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
5 7 8	12 MRSA §7452, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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Hunting or trapping bear near dumps. 1 5. The commissioner, or the commissioner's agent, shall establish a line of demarcation at least 200 yards from sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of 2 3 4 5 solid waste. A person is guilty of hunting or 6 trapping bear near dumps if that person hunts, traps, molests or harasses bear or releases dogs for purpose of hunting bear within this area. 7 the within this area. 8 The 9 commissioner, or the commissioner's agent, is exempt from this prohibition for the purpose of live trapping 10 11 nuisance bears.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This new draft clarifies the prohibition for hunting or trapping bear near a garbage dump. It increases the zone by 400 feet in which it is illegal to hunt or trap bear. This new draft requires the 14 15 16 17 department to mark the area and exempts the department from this prohibition when it must live trap nuisance bears. It also prohibits the release of bear-hunting 18 19 20 dogs in dumps.

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