

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2380

H.P. 1735 House of Representatives, February 29, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.
Cosponsored by Representatives ROTONDI of Athens, SMITH
of Island Falls and WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Extend the Coyote Night Hunting
2 Season.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7108, sub-§3, as reenacted by
7 PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

8 3. Open season. Notwithstanding section 7406,

1 subsection 5, there shall be an open season for
2 hunting coyotes at night in all counties of the State
3 from January 1st to ~~March 31st~~ April 30th. The
4 commissioner may terminate this open season at any
5 time in any area if, in his opinion, an immediate
6 emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather
7 conditions or illegal hunting activity.

8 **Sec. 2.** 12 MRSA §7108, sub-§4, ¶A, as reenacted
9 by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

10 A. All hunting shall be limited to the hours
11 between 1/2 hour after sunset ~~and 9 p.m.~~ and to
12 the hours between 4 a.m. and 1/2 hour before
13 sunrise, and shall cease at midnight each Saturday
14 and may resume at 12:01 a.m. each Monday.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill extends the coyote hunting season from
17 March 31st until April 30th and increases the number
18 of night hours during which coyotes may be hunted to
19 prevent coyote damage to livestock and wildlife.

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