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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor and Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Require a Permit to Hunt for Bear Prior to the Firearm
Season on Deer.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 12 MRSA §7110 is enacted to read:

5 **§7110. Bear hunting permit**

7 1. Issuance. The commissioner or the commissioner's
9 authorized agent shall issue a bear hunting permit to any
11 applicant who possesses a valid license to hunt big game,
13 permitting that person to hunt for bear from the first Monday
preceding September 1st to the day preceding the open firearm
season on deer. The bear hunting permit shall be in the form of
a stamp which shall be affixed to the person's hunting license.

15 2. Fee. The fee for a bear hunting permit shall be \$10.25,
17 25¢ of which shall be retained by the issuing agent.

19 3. Validation. A bear hunting permit is validated by the
permittee's signature in ink on the face of the stamp.

21 4. Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to bear
23 hunting permits.

25 A. A bear hunting permit shall be exhibited to any warden
or employee of the department upon request.

27 B. From the first Monday preceding September 1st to the day
29 preceding the open firearm season on deer, a permittee shall
keep an unexpired, validated bear hunting permit on the
31 permittee's person when hunting or possessing any bear.

33 5. Exceptions. No bear hunting permit is required to hunt
for bear during the open firearm season on deer as defined in
35 section 7001, subsection 25-A.

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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41 The establishment of special stamp and permit requirements
43 to hunt specific wildlife species is an important wildlife
45 management tool. It provides a means of more accurately
monitoring hunting pressure, hunter success and the status of the
wildlife population. It also provides a means of maintaining
harvests within acceptable limits if such action is warranted.

47 This bill establishes a special bear hunting permit in the
49 form of a stamp which will be required of any person who hunts
51 for bear prior to the opening of the firearm season on deer.
This permit will be required in addition to a regular hunting
53 license. It will generate additional revenue for the department
while providing the information necessary to better manage the
State's black bear resource.