

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 542

House of Representatives, March 9, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUFFY of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Representative CONLEY of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act Pertaining to the Placing of Bear Bait.**

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

3 **12 MRSA §7451, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 696, §9, is  
5 further amended to read:

7 **3. Placing of bear bait.** Placing of bear bait shall be in  
9 conformity with the following provisions.

11 **A. Bait may not be used to hunt black bear, unless the person placing a bear bait holds a current resident hunting license or guide license or is a licensed nonresident hunting with a licensed guide and:**

13 (1) The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any  
15 travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel  
17 or 4-wheel drive vehicle;

19 (2) The stand, blind and bait area are tagged by a  
21 2-inch by 4-inch tag with the name and address of the  
23 baiter;

25 (3) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any  
27 dump or campground;

29 (4) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an  
31 occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted  
33 by the owner or leasee;

35 (5) The bait is placed not more than 30 days before  
37 the opening day of the season and not after October  
39 31st;

41 (6) The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10,  
43 as defined by the state litter laws; and

45 (7) The person hunting from any stand or blind of  
another person has permission of the owner of that  
stand or blind.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill regulates those who may place bear bait.