

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 770

H.P. 566

House of Representatives, March 15, 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 CROWLEY of Stockton Springs.

Cosponsored by Representative TRACY of Rome and Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

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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 to Prohibit Children Aged 10 and Under from Trapping.

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

3 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c.  
729, §2, is repealed.

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7 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1979, c.  
729, §2, is amended to read:

9 D. Any nonresident over 10 years of age is eligible to  
purchase a nonresident trapping license.

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13 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
28, §1, is amended to read:

15 E. Any nonresident alien over 10 years of age is eligible  
to purchase a nonresident alien trapping license.

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19 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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21 1-A. Prohibition. No resident or nonresident under 10  
years of age may trap animals unless accompanied at all times  
while trapping by a licensed adult trapper.

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25 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 1981, c.  
644, §9, is repealed.

27 Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§5, ¶D is enacted to read:

29 D. Any person over 10 years of age and under 16 years of  
age who holds a junior trapping license shall be accompanied  
at all times while trapping by a licensed adult trapper,  
unless the holder of the junior trapping license submits  
proof of having successfully completed an education course  
of the type described in subsection 8.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

39 This bill revises certain laws governing trapping by persons  
41 under 16 years of age. Currently, persons under 10 years of age  
are permitted to trap without a license. Sections 1 to 5 repeal  
43 that provision of law, and permit trapping by persons under 10  
years of age only when accompanied at all times while trapping by  
a licensed adult trapper. Section 6 requires that persons who  
45 are over 10 years of age and under 16 years of age who hold a  
junior trapping license be accompanied at all times while  
47 trapping by a licensed adult trapper.