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

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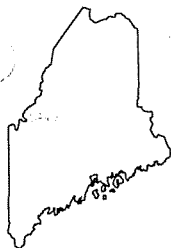
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Enhance the Trapping of Beaver.



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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7432, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1985, c. 369,
§15, is further amended to read:

6 11. Use or possession of prohibited implements or aids. A
8 person is guilty, except as provided in subsection 14, paragraph
B, of use or possession of a prohibited implement or aid if he
10 that person:

12 A. Sets or tends a snare for the purpose of trapping any
wild animal or wild bird, except that snares may be used to
14 trap beaver;

16 B. Sets or tends a swivel, pivot or set gun for the purpose
of killing, taking, catching, wounding, harming or molesting
18 any wild animal or wild bird;

20 C. Deposits any poisonous or stupefying substance for the
purpose of killing, taking, catching, wounding, harming or
22 molesting any wild animal or wild bird; or

24 D. Sells, advertises, gives notice of the sale or keeps for
sale any swivel, pivot or set gun or poisonous substance for
26 the taking of wild animals or wild birds.

28 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7453-A is enacted to read:

30 §7453-A. Trapping beaver

32 1. Traps. A person may use snares when trapping beaver
during the open beaver trapping season.

34 2. Rules. All rules pertaining to the trapping of beaver
with the so-called Conibear trap apply to the trapping of beaver
36 with a snare.

38 STATEMENT OF FACT

40 This bill allows trappers to use a snare when trapping
42 beaver. The bill provides that the rules that apply to the use
of the so-called Conibear trap apply to the use of snares.
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