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House of Representatives, January 28, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
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 GOULD of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland and Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

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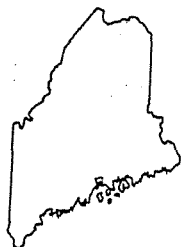
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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**An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Bear Hunting.**

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 696, §9, is further amended to read:

6       A. Bait may not be used to hunt black bear, unless:

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

12       (2) The stand, blind and bait area are tagged by a  
14       2-inch by 4-inch tag with the name and address of the  
baiter;

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

18       (4) ~~The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an~~  
20       ~~occupied dwelling, unless written~~ Written permission is  
22       granted by the owner or leasee of the property on which  
the hunting will occur;

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

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

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

34       **Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 297,  
36       §2, is further amended to read:

38       **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context  
40       indicates ~~otherwise~~ otherwise indicates, the following terms  
shall have the following meanings.

42       A. "Premises" ~~shall mean~~ means improved and unimproved  
44       lands, private ways, any buildings or structures on those  
lands and waters standing on, flowing through or adjacent to  
those lands.

46       B. "Recreational or harvesting activities" means  
48       recreational activities conducted out of doors, including  
50       hunting, hunting bear with bait, fishing, trapping, camping,  
52       hiking, sight-seeing, operation of snow-traveling and  
all-terrain vehicles, skiing, hang-gliding, boating,  
sailing, canoeing, rafting or swimming or activities that

2 involve harvesting or gathering forest products. It shall  
3 ~~include~~ includes entry, use of and passage over premises in  
4 order to pursue these activities.

6 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

8 This bill requires individuals who use bait to hunt bear to  
9 obtain written permission of a private property owner on whose  
10 land hunting will occur. The bill also adds hunting bear with  
11 bait to the definition of recreational and harvesting activities  
12 under the limited liability for recreational and harvesting  
activities laws.