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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1332

S.P. 457

In Senate, February 16, 1999

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**An Act to Prohibit Hunting Animals in Enclosed Areas.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and  
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4011, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F,** as amended by PL 1997,  
c. 456, §5, are further amended to read:

6 E. Deprives an animal that the person owns or possesses of  
8 necessary sustenance, necessary medical attention, proper  
shelter, protection from the weather or humanely clean  
10 conditions; or

12 F. Keeps or leaves a domestic animal on an uninhabited or  
barren island lying off the coast of the State during the  
14 month of December, January, February or March without  
providing necessary sustenance and proper shelter; ~~or~~.

16 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §4011, sub-§1, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.  
18 456, §6, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA c. 34** is enacted to read:

22 **CHAPTER 34**

24 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

26 **§821. Confined animal hunting**

28 1. A person is guilty of operating a confined animal hunting  
operation if the person sells or offers to sell an opportunity to  
30 hunt an animal that is owned, controlled, confined or  
artificially enclosed for the purpose of facilitating the  
opportunity to hunt the animal.

32 2. For the purposes of this section, "hunt" means to pursue  
34 for the purpose of killing, wounding or otherwise harming.

36 3. Operating a confined animal hunting operation is a Class  
38 E crime.

40 **SUMMARY**

42 The current cruelty-to-animals law prohibits hunting or  
44 selling for the purpose of hunting any animal that is not covered  
by the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part  
46 10. This bill repeals the current law and inserts in the Maine  
Criminal Code a prohibition on confined animal hunting  
48 operations, described as selling or offering to sell the  
opportunity to hunt an animal that is owned, controlled, confined  
50 or artificially enclosed for the purpose of facilitating the  
opportunity to hunt the animal. In this bill, operation of  
confined animal hunting operations is a Class E crime.