

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 25, 2001

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### An Act to Allow the Use of Cage Traps for Bear.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 5. **Cage trap.** A person may use a cage trap for trapping bear pursuant to this subsection.

8 A. A person may not have more than 2 traps set out at one time.

10 B. A trap set must have the name and address of the trapper clearly printed and attached to the trap.

12 C. A bear caught may not be used to train a dog for bear hunting.

14 D. A bear caught must be killed prior to transporting.

16 E. A trap must be checked at least once a day and, if a bear is found in the trap, the bear must be either humanely killed or released.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶A-2** is enacted to read:

20 A-2. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a person may use a cage trap to trap bear during the open season on bear.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows a hunter to use cage traps to trap bear.