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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Bear and Bear Parts.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MUSE of South Portland,
SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 723, §18-A, is further amended to read:

6 **9. Buying or selling bear or bear parts.** A person is guilty, ~~except as provided in subsection 15, paragraph B,~~ of buying or selling bear or bear parts if he that person:

10 A. Buys, sells or offers for sale or barter any bear, bear parts or a product that contains bear parts;

12 B. Aids in buying, selling or offering for sale or barter any bear, bear parts or a product that contains bear parts; or

14 C. Counsels or otherwise aids in buying, selling, offering for sale or bartering a bear, bear parts or a product that contains bear parts.

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 369, §18, is repealed.

18 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, §40, is amended to read:

20 C. Notwithstanding subsection 10, a person may lawfully possess an unregistered bear in accordance with chapter 709, subchapter IV; and

22 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶D-1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 322, §5, is further amended to read:

24 D-1. Notwithstanding subsection 13, paragraph A, that provision does not apply to bear legally registered in accordance with this subchapter, ~~and~~.

26 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶G**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 644, §23, is repealed.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill prohibits the sale of bear parts and any product that contains bear parts.