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H.P. 192

House of Representatives, January 23, 2003

An Act To Prohibit Coyote Snaring and Eliminate the Coyote Snaring Program

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay, Senator HALL of Lincoln and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, EDER of Portland, MOORE of the Passamaquoddy
Tribe, PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators:
CATHCART of Penobscot, EDMONDS of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1999, c.
636, §1, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7504, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,
8 §1, is amended to read:

10 **4. Coyotes.** The commissioner may cause department personnel
12 to take coyotes at any time and in any manner ~~that--he--may~~
~~prescribe,~~ except that coyotes may not be taken by snaring.

14 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
16 appropriations and allocations are made.

18 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF**

20 **Resource Management Services -
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

22 Initiative: Deappropriates funding used to pay agents for the
24 snaring of coyotes.

26 General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	(\$15,700)	(\$15,700)

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill repeals the statutory authorization for the coyote
34 snaring program and deappropriates funding associated with the
36 direct costs of the program. Under the bill, hunting coyotes
with firearms and dogs or trapping them without the use of snare
traps will still be authorized.