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No. 455

H.P. 347

House of Representatives, February 4, 2003

### An Act To Ban the Use of Snares

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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 BULL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Representative: NORTON of Bangor.

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§36-A,** as enacted by PL 1989,c. 913, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

**36-A. Trap, the noun.** "Trap" means any device that is designed primarily to catch or hold wild animals, including, but not limited to, a foothold trap, a killer-type trap, or a cage-type trap or a snare. "Trap" does not mean a snare.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 636, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7432, sub-§11, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 307, §7, is further amended to read:

A. Sets or tends a snare for the purpose of trapping any wild animal or wild bird, ~~except as provided in section 7035, subsection 3 and section 7453-B;~~

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7453-B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 438, §30, is repealed.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the use of snares to capture any wild bird or animal.