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An Act To Amend the Season for Laying Bait for Bear

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §29, is further amended to read:

6 C. There ~~shall be~~ is an open season on using a dog or dogs
8 in conjunction with bear hunting from the first Monday
10 preceding September 1st, to the last day ~~preceeding the open
firearm season on deer provided in section 7457, subsection~~
1 of September.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432,
14 §42, is further amended to read:

16 **3. Placing of bear bait.** Placing of bear bait shall must
be in conformity with the following provisions.

18 A. Bait may not be used to hunt or trap black bear, unless:

20 (1) The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any
22 travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel
or 4-wheel drive vehicle;

24 (2) The stand, blind or bait area is plainly labeled
26 with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag with the name and address
of the baiter;

28 (3) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any
dump or campground;

30 (4) The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an
32 occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted
by the owner or leasee;

34 (5) The bait is placed not ~~more than 30 days~~ before
36 ~~the opening day of the season~~ October 1st and not after
October 31st;

38 (6) The bait areas will be cleaned up by November
40 10th, as defined by the state litter laws; and

42 (7) The person hunting from any stand or blind of
44 another person has permission of the owner of that
stand or blind.

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This bill separates the season for placing bait for bear
50 from the season for hunting bear with dogs.