

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 305

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

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### An Act To Establish a 3-day Field Trial Competition on Bobcats

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, PATRICK of Rumford,  
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12056 is enacted to read:

**§12056. Field trial competitions; bobcats**

**1. Establishment of 3-day field trials.** Beginning in 2006, the commissioner shall establish a 3-day field trial competition on bobcats that is sanctioned by a national kennel club. The field trials must be held on 3 consecutive days ending with the last Saturday in February of each year. The commissioner shall establish rules for competition that are based on rules used by a national kennel club for coonhound events and that result in approval of the field trials by a national kennel club.

**2. Prohibition.** A person may not:

**A. Injure a bobcat during field trials;**

**B. Kill a bobcat during field trials;**

**C. Allow that person's dog to injure a bobcat during field trials; or**

**D. Allow that person's dog to kill a bobcat during field trials.**

**3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to a person who injures or kills a bobcat or allows that person's dog to injure or kill a bobcat during a field trial competition.

**A. A person who commits a violation under subsection 2, paragraph A commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.**

**B. A person who commits a violation under subsection 2, paragraph A after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.**

**C. A person who commits a violation under subsection 2, paragraph B commits a Class E crime.**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a 3-day field trial competition on bobcats that begins in 2006 and is held the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in February of each year. The bill prohibits and

2 provides penalties for the injuring or killing of a bobcat during  
field trials.