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Minority
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1144, L.D. 1635, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit Recreational Bear Trapping"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12262 is enacted to read:

§12262. Trapping bear prohibited

1. Unlawful trapping of bear. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person may not catch bear in a trap. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

2. Research and public safety. The commissioner shall establish rules concerning bear trapping. These rules must provide for trapping bear only for purposes of scientific research, animal damage control or public safety. Rules established pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report and makes technical changes to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1635

LR 1366(02)

An Act To Prohibit Recreational Bear Trapping

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$7,600	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$7,600)	(\$38,000)	(\$38,000)	(\$38,000)

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Repealing the laws which establish various bear hunting fees will result in the loss of General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the estimated amounts are \$7,600 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$38,000 in each fiscal year thereafter.