

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH      LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 69**

H. P. 98

House of Representatives, Jan. 22, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and  
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Masardis.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT Prohibiting the Use of Any Bird or Animal,  
Protected by Law, as a Bait for Trapping.

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

Section forty-eight of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding in the third line thereof, after the words "fur-bearing animal," the following: 'or use in any manner as a bait for trapping, any bird or animal protected by law, or any part or parts of any such bird or animal,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 48. Use of snares, guns set on swivels, or poison forbidden; traps to be labeled; bear traps to be enclosed in huts. No person shall set a snare or a swivel, pivot or set gun, or use or deposit any poisonous or stupefying substance for any fur-bearing animal, or use in any manner as a bait for trapping, any bird or animal protected by law, or any part or parts of any such bird or animal, and shall forfeit any such snare, swivel, pivot or set gun, and any fur-bearing animal found in such snare, or killed by such swivel, pivot, set gun, or poisonous substance, to the state; provided, further, that no person shall advertise or give notice of the sale, or keeping for sale, of any such snare, swivel, pivot, set gun, or poisonous substance; nor shall any person set any trap for any wild animal without having the trap plainly labeled with his full

name and address and he shall forfeit to the state the trap or traps not so marked and any wild animal found therein; provided, further, that no person shall set a bear trap unless the same is enclosed in a hut, so-called, or by at least two strands of barbed wire, one four and one five feet from the ground, said wire to be securely held in position and to be not less than five yards at any point from the enclosed trap.'