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S. P. 356

In Senate, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent down for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dorr of Oxford.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relative to Damage by Bear.

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 79, repealed.** Section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following inserted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 79. Damage by bear.** When bear are doing more than normal damage to domestic animals or growing crops the owner thereof may complain to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly selected agent, who shall make due investigation and adjust such damage claims as he believes to have been caused by bear. The owner may also complain to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, who shall cause an investigation to be made jointly with the agent of the commissioner of agriculture and if it is found that the damage complained of is being done by bear, the commissioner of inland fisheries and game shall cause any bear in that locality to be trapped or killed under the direction of the warden service. Any expense incurred by the department of inland fisheries and game incident to trapping or killing bear under this section shall be taken from the fees for licenses for dogs, and so much of the fees received for dog licenses as may be necessary to pay said expense incident thereto, is hereby appropriated to pay the same.'