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House of Representatives, February 23, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Muskie of Waterville by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Night Hunting of Skunks and Raccoons.**

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 97, sub-§ IV, amended.** Subsection IV of section 97 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**IV.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt skunks and raccoons at night, except that they may be hunted at night from October 15th to December 15th of each year under the following provisions: when accompanied by a dog and with the use of a kerosene light ~~only~~; provided ~~however~~ that an electric flash light of not more than ~~2~~ 3 cells ~~not greater in size than number 950~~ may be used in addition to a kerosene light while locating in and taking from a tree any raccoon treed by a dog; provided further, it shall be unlawful to use or have in possession any fire-arm except a 22 caliber pistol while hunting as ~~hereby provided in this subsection and not more than 2 raccoons shall be taken by any 1 party in any 1 night.~~ The raccoon is hereby classified as a game animal and ~~no more than 20 raccoons may be taken in any 1 season by any 1 per-~~

son and no person except a licensed fur dealer or owner or manager of a private raccoon ranch may have in his possession at any time more than 20 raccoons or parts thereof.'