**§11303. Hunting bear near dumps**

**1. Dump demarcation.**  The commissioner, or the commissioner's agent, shall establish a line of demarcation at least 500 yards from sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §159 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

**2. Prohibition.**  A person may not within the area described in subsection 1:

A. Hunt bear; [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. Trap bear; [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

C. Molest or harass a bear; or [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

D. Release dogs for the purpose of hunting a bear. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

The commissioner, or the commissioner's agent, is exempt from this prohibition for the purpose of live-trapping nuisance bears.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

**3. Penalties.**  The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $500 may be adjudged. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates subsection 2 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. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §160 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

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