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House of Representatives, January 20, 2011

An Act To Allow Trapping in Northern Maine without the Written Consent of the Landowner

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARVELL of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Kennebec and
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CLARK of Millinocket, COTTA of China, CRAY
of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, LIBBY of Waterboro, PARRY of Arundel, SANDERSON
of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12253, sub-§1**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and
3 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §215 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Trapping without written consent; southern Maine.** A person may not,
5 without first obtaining the written consent of the landowner or occupant, trap any wild
6 animal on land in any organized or incorporated place or on the cultivated or pasture area
7 of land that is used for agricultural purposes in any unorganized place located south of
8 Route 2 west of Bangor and south of Route 9 east of Bangor and on which land there is
9 an occupied dwelling. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to:

- 10 A. Beaver trapping;
- 11 B. Trapping with drowning sets in navigable rivers and streams; or
- 12 C. Trapping with drowning sets on state-owned land and public rights-of-way.

13 A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Current law requires a trapper to obtain written permission from the landowner or
16 occupant of certain property before setting traps on that person's property. This bill limits
17 that requirement to portions of the State situated south of Route 2 west of Bangor and
18 south of Route 9 east of Bangor.