

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 361 - L.D. 468

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bear Hunting

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§6, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

E. Buying or selling bear, hunting or trapping bear after having killed ~~one~~ 2 or exceeding the bag limit on bear, in violation of section 11217 ~~or~~, 11351 or 12260;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11351, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §162 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

1. Hunting or trapping bear; 2-bear limit. A person may not hunt or trap bear after that person has killed or registered one during ~~any~~ an open season under section 11251 and one during the open season on trapping bear under section 12260.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11351, sub-§2, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §163 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

2. Exceeding bag limit on bears. A person may not possess more than ~~one bear~~ 2 bears in any calendar year, except a person may keep more than one legally obtained bear in that person's home or as otherwise provided in law.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 550, §7, is further amended to read:

C. A resident may train up to 6 dogs at any one time on bear from July 1st to the ~~first day of~~ 4th day preceding the open season on hunting bear, except in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12260, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4. Trapping bear after having killed one. A person may not trap a bear after that person has killed or registered one ~~during any open season~~ trapped pursuant to this section. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which the

court shall impose a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment not ~~to~~ to exceed 180 days and a fine of not less than \$1,000, none of which may be suspended.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12260, sub-§5, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §222 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

5. Exceeding bag limit on bears. Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not possess more than ~~one bear~~ 2 bears in any calendar year. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which the court shall impose a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment not to exceed 180 days and a fine of not less than \$1,000, none of which may be suspended.

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor