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HOUSE BILL ***1579-FN***

AN ACT relative to penalties for violations of trapping laws and relative to education requirements for issuance of a trapping license.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vaillancourt, Hills 15; Rep. Charron, Rock 4; Rep. Gile, Merr 27; Rep. Levesque, Hills 26; Rep. D. Hooper, Straf 16; Rep. K. Rogers, Merr 28; Rep. Shaw, Hills 16; Rep. Carson, Merr 7; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds penalties for violations of trapping laws and rules which result in the death of a domestic animal. The bill requires trapping education for license applicants who have not held a trapping license in this state during any of the previous 3 years.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 155:1 Trapping; Injury or Death of Domestic Animal; Penalty. Amend RSA 210:18 to read as
2 follows:

3 210:18 Damage to Domestic Animals.

4 ***I.*** Any person causing injury or damage to domestic animals, except for dogs at large
5 pursuant to RSA 466:33, by the aid or use of traps shall be liable to the owner therefor. An injury to
6 a licensed dog at large shall be reported to the town or city listed on the dog's tag, and to the owner
7 of the dog if identifiable.

8 ***II.*** ***Any person engaged in the act of trapping in violation of the laws or rules***
9 ***governing trapping under this title resulting in the death of a domestic animal shall be***
10 ***guilty of a violation. Upon conviction, and in addition to any other penalty, the person's***
11 ***trapping license shall be revoked for a period up to 3 years. Prior to the restoration of such***
12 ***person's ability to apply for a license or permit to trap, the person shall show successful***
13 ***completion of a trapping education program pursuant to RSA 210:25.***

14 155:2 Trapping Licenses; Education Requirements. Amend RSA 214:11-b, I(c) to read as follows:

15 (c) Satisfactory proof that he ***or she*** has [~~previously~~] held a trapping license issued to
16 him ***or her*** in this state [~~any other state, province or country~~] ***during any of the previous 3 years.***

17 155:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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19 Approved: June 30, 2014

20 Effective Date: January 1, 2015