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An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, LYFORD of Eddington, MARTIN of Sinclair, STANLEY of Medway.

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2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA	§ 12251, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3	affected by c. 614, §9, is	s amended to read:

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

1. General. Except as otherwise provided in this Part and except as the commissioner may establish by rule that is not inconsistent with this chapter, there is a perpetual closed season on trapping any wild animal or wild bird. The commissioner may change the established opening date of an open season if, in the commissioner's opinion, the change is necessary due to earlier-than-normal seasonal temperature changes or weather conditions.

10 SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change a trapping season opening date if weather conditions make that change necessary.