

## §11251. Open and closed seasons

**1. Open season on bear; commissioner's authority.** This subsection governs the open and closed seasons on bear.

A. The commissioner shall by rule establish an open season on hunting bear beginning no earlier than the 2nd Monday preceding September 1st and ending no later than November 30th annually. The commissioner may, pursuant to section 10104, subsection 1, adopt rules prohibiting the use of bait or a dog or dogs to hunt black bear during any portion of the open bear hunting season. [PL 2021, c. 100, §5 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 100, §13 (AFF).]

B. There is an open season on using a dog or dogs in conjunction with bear hunting during the open season on hunting bear established by the commissioner in accordance with paragraph A. [PL 2021, c. 100, §5 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 100, §13 (AFF).]

C. [PL 2013, c. 408, §14 (RP).]

D. [PL 2013, c. 408, §14 (RP).]

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[PL 2021, c. 100, §5 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 100, §13 (AFF).]

### **2. Youth bear hunting day.**

[PL 2017, c. 164, §12 (RP).]

**3. Youth bear hunting day.** The commissioner may establish by rule a youth hunting day for hunting bear.

[PL 2017, c. 357, §1 (NEW).]

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [PL 2017, c. 357, §1 (NEW).]

## SECTION HISTORY

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