

Amendment to SB 588-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to wanton waste of an animal and relative to contests for taking fur-bearing
4 animals.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraph; General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Definitions. Amend RSA 207:1 by
9 inserting after paragraph XXIX the following new paragraph:

10 XXIX-a. Wanton Waste: The act of intentionally leaving a wounded or killed animal in the
11 field or forest without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and render it for consumption or use.
12 This definition shall not apply to animals that are diseased, and thus unfit for consumption or use,
13 or grossly mutilated, and thus rendered unfit for consumption or use, nor to animals on privately
14 owned property taken in the defense of person or property under RSA 207:26 or RSA 207:30.

15 2 New Section; General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Wanton Waste. Amend RSA 207 by
16 inserting after section 3-e the following new section:

17 207:3-f Wanton Waste.

18 I. No person shall commit wanton waste of a wild bird or wild animal that has been
19 wounded or killed by that person while hunting. This section shall not apply to animals that are
20 diseased, and thus unfit for consumption or use, or grossly mutilated, and thus rendered unfit for
21 consumption or use. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation.

22 II. This section shall not abridge enforcement actions taken pursuant to RSA 212-A, RSA
23 207:5, or RSA 211:1. This section shall not apply to wildlife conservation officers, licensed trappers
24 for removal of nuisance animals, persons acting under a pre-damage kill permit, persons acting
25 under a depredation permit, persons acting for scientific purposes under a scientific permit, or
26 persons acting pursuant to RSA 207:22-c, III or RSA 206:26.

27 III. The executive director shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, regarding the
28 applicability of this section to hunting and fishing in the state.

29 3 New Section; Fur-Bearing Animals; Contests to Take Fur-Bearing Animals. Amend RSA 210
30 by inserting after section 23 the following new section:

31 210:23-a Contests to Take Fur-Bearing Animals. No later than January 1, 2021, the executive
32 director shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, governing the organization, promotion,

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- 1 solicitation of participation in, or participation in, any contest that is created specifically for
- 2 participants to take a fur-bearing animal.
- 3 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits wanton waste of an animal and requires the executive director of the fish and game department to adopt rules governing fur-bearing animal taking contests.