

**SENATE, No. 2750**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Bans manufacture, sale, possession, importation, transportation, or use of certain traps.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain traps and supplementing Title 23 of the  
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Except for educational, scientific, or public health  
8 purposes pursuant to a special permit issued by the Department of  
9 Environmental Protection, no person shall manufacture, sell, offer  
10 for sale, possess, import, or transport a trap that is a spring-loaded  
11 device that restrains an animal by capturing the foot, leg, or other  
12 body part, including an enclosed foothold type trap or any other  
13 type trap that uses a jaw, arm, bar, cable, or wire to grasp or pin the  
14 animal's foot, leg, or other body part.

15 b. No person shall trap, or attempt to trap, an animal using a  
16 trap that is a spring-loaded device that restrains an animal by  
17 capturing the foot, leg, or other body part, including an enclosed  
18 foothold type trap or any other type trap that uses a jaw, arm, bar,  
19 cable, or wire to grasp or pin the animal's foot, leg, or other body  
20 part.

21 c. All equipment used in, or animals or animal pelts obtained  
22 through, a violation of subsection a. or b. of this section shall be  
23 confiscated by a law enforcement officer and forfeited.

24 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. or b. of this  
25 section to the contrary, nothing in this section shall be deemed to  
26 prohibit or otherwise apply to a mouse trap or rat trap designed for  
27 use in and under buildings.

28 e. Any person who violates subsection a. or b. of this section  
29 shall be liable to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than  
30 \$300 for a first offense, and not less than \$500 nor more than \$700  
31 for a second offense, and not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500  
32 for a third or subsequent offense, to be collected in a summary  
33 proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,"  
34 P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

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36 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of  
37 enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill would ban the manufacture, sale, offer for sale,  
43 possession, importation, or transportation of a trap that is a spring-  
44 loaded device that restrains an animal by capturing the foot, leg, or  
45 other body part, including an enclosed foothold type trap or any  
46 other type trap that uses a jaw, arm, bar, cable, or wire to grasp or  
47 pin the animal's foot, leg, or other body part. The bill would also  
48 prohibit a person from trapping or attempting to trap an animal

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1 using such a trap. The bill specifies that a mouse trap or rat trap  
2 designed for use in and under buildings is not a trap prohibited by  
3 the bill. A person who violates the bill would be subject to a civil  
4 fine of \$100 to \$300 for a first offense, \$500 to \$700 for a second  
5 offense, and \$1,000 to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense, plus  
6 confiscation and forfeiture of all equipment used in, and animals or  
7 pelts obtained through, the violation.