

**SENATE, No. 2538**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 19 (Middlesex)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits use of snares in trapping of wildlife.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT prohibiting the use of snares in the trapping of wildlife,  
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, and amending  
3 R.S.23:4-22.

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

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8 1. (New section) No person may set or use snare in the trapping  
9 of wildlife. A person violating this section shall be liable to a  
10 penalty of up to \$50 for each snare set or used in violation of this  
11 section.

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13 2. R.S.23:4-22 is amended to read as follows:

14 23:4-22. No person shall set or use any snare, snood, net, trap or  
15 other device for the catching or trapping of a bird or animal above  
16 the level of the surrounding ground and commonly known as "pole  
17 **[traps" .] traps.**" Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the lawful  
18 setting of traps or **[snares]** other such devices other than snares  
19 on the ground or prohibit trapping by the board or its employees on  
20 fish hatcheries or game farms. A person violating this section shall  
21 be liable to a penalty of **[twenty dollars]** \$20 for each snare, snood,  
22 net, trap or device **[so]** set or used in violation of this section.

23 (cf: R.S.23:4-22)

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill would prohibit the use or setting of snares in the  
31 trapping of wildlife. A person violating this provision would be  
32 subject to a penalty of up to \$50 for each such snare set or used in  
33 violation of the bill. The bill also clarifies current law concerning  
34 "pole traps" to be consistent with the provisions of section 1 of this  
35 bill.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.