
SENATE BILL 5123

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By Senators Pridemore and McDermott

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to mole trapping; and amending RCW 77.15.192.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.192 and 2001 c 1 s 2 are each amended to read as
4 follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 77.15.194
6 through 77.15.198.

7 (1) "Animal" means any nonhuman vertebrate.

8 (2) "Body-gripping trap" means a trap that grips an animal's body
9 or body part. Body-gripping trap includes, but is not limited to,
10 steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, Conibear traps,
11 neck snares, and nonstrangling foot snares. Cage and box traps,
12 suitcase-type live beaver traps, (~~and~~) common rat and mouse traps,
13 and any trap used to capture moles below the ground surface are not
14 considered body-gripping traps.

15 (3) "Person" means a human being and, where appropriate, a public
16 or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership,
17 a government, or a governmental instrumentality.

18 (4) "Raw fur" means a pelt that has not been processed for purposes
19 of retail sale.

1 (5) "Animal problem" means any animal that threatens or damages
2 timber or private property or threatens or injures livestock or any
3 other domestic animal.

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