**§11151. Bear hunting permit**

**1. Permit required.**  Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not hunt for bear without a valid permit during the open season on hunting bear established pursuant to section 11251. A person may hunt for bear without a valid permit during the open firearm season on deer under section 11401. This section does not apply to trapping for bear.

Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of $50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed.

[PL 2021, c. 100, §2 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 100, §13 (AFF).]

**2. Eligibility; hunting or archery license required.**  A person who possesses a valid hunting or archery hunting license may obtain a permit to hunt for bear from the commissioner or an authorized agent.

[PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. E, §7 (AMD).]

**3. Issuance; permit fee.**  The commissioner, through the commissioner's authorized agent, shall issue a bear hunting permit or permits to an eligible person. When the bag limit on bear is more than one, a bear hunting permit is required for each bear. The annual fee for each permit issued is $10 for residents and $74 for nonresidents.

[PL 2021, c. 100, §3 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 100, §13 (AFF).]

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