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By Senators Swecker, Oke, Hewitt, Parlette, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Regala, Eide and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to body-gripping animal traps; and amending RCW
2 77.15.---

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.--- and 2001 c 1 s 2 (Initiative Measure No.
5 713) are each amended to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 77.15.---
7 through 77.15.--- (sections 3 through 5, chapter 1, Laws of 2001
8 (Initiative Measure No. 713)).

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

10 (2) "Body-gripping trap" means a trap that grips an animal's body
11 or body part. Body-gripping trap includes, but is not limited to,
12 steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, Conibear traps,
13 neck snares, and nonstrangling foot snares. Cage and box traps,
14 suitcase-type live beaver traps, and common rat and mouse traps are not
15 considered body-gripping traps. Body-gripping trap does not mean a
16 trap typically used to catch moles.

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

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

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

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