

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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This amendment is in preliminary form. The Department of Natural Resources regulates “body-grip traps” (conibear traps) under NR 10.13 (1) (b) 8. Generally, there is no prohibition on these traps if they are less than or equal to 60 square inches in size. A body-grip trap that is between 60 and 75 square inches in size may be set on land if the trap is enclosed or 5 feet off the ground. No body-grip trap may be set on land if the trap is 75 square inches or larger in size. The rules also allow the use of a body-grip trap that is larger than 60 square inches if the trap is set in water and at least one-half of the trap is submerged at all times.

I have drafted this amendment so that it prohibits the use of body-grip traps that are greater than 6 by 6 inches in size unless partially or completely submerged in water. You may wish to consider expressing the limitation in square inches as under current DNR rules. Also, do you want to require that a trap set in water be one-half submerged? As drafted, it is not clear how much of the trap must be in water before it may be considered “partially” submerged.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with regard to this amendment.

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