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By Senators Morton, Jacobsen, Stevens, Swecker, Hewitt, Zarelli, King, Pflug, Parlette, Honeyford, and Holmquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to traps as they apply to mice and rats; and
2 amending RCW 77.15.192.

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

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

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

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

9 (2) "Body-gripping trap" means a trap that grips an animal's body
10 or body part. Body-gripping trap includes, but is not limited to,
11 steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, Conibear traps,
12 neck snares, and nonstrangling foot snares. Cage and box traps,
13 suitcase-type live beaver traps, and ~~((common rat and mouse))~~ traps
14 used to capture old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the
15 order Rodentia and new world rats and mice of the family Cricetidae of
16 the order Rodentia are not considered body-gripping traps.

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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