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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 545

House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Require Lobster and Crab Fishing License Applicants to Describe
Their Buoy Colors on License Application and Display Colors on Boat.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 12, § 4405, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4405, to read as follows:

§ 4405. Applicants to describe lobster and crab fishing trap buoys

Every applicant for a lobster and crab fishing license shall describe the color design of his lobster and crab fishing trap buoys on his application in a space provided on that application by the commissioner.

1. Change of color design. Should a licensee change his buoy color design prior to obtaining a new license, he shall so notify the department of that change on a form furnished by the commissioner.

2. Unlawful to raise or haul traps having buoy of different design; exception. It is unlawful for any person to set, raise or haul any trap unless the buoy attached to that trap has the same color and same color design as is currently on file with the commissioner pursuant to this section.

A. This subsection does not apply if the person hauling, setting or raising such trap has written permission on his person at the time of the act from another person who is rightful owner of the trap and who is duly licensed.

3. To display buoy colors on boat. Every person who fishes for lobsters or crabs from or with a boat shall display the current color or colors of his lobster or crab fishing trap buoys on the bow of his boat so as to be clearly visible from each side of the boat. The color or colors must be painted on each

side of the hull or upon panels attached to each side of the hull, or upon a single panel with both sides painted which is attached on top of the bow. Each color which appears on his buoys must be displayed as a solid colored strip 4 inches high and 18 inches long, each strip abutting another on the longest side, if more than one color, to form a rectangle or square. The rectangle or square thus formed must have a black border all the way around at least one inch wide.

4. Unlawful to use boat for fishing lobsters or crabs without displaying colors. It is unlawful for any person to fish for lobsters or crabs, to set, haul or raise any lobster or crab trap, with or from any boat unless his current buoy colors are displayed on the boat as provided in subsection 3.

5. Unlawful to set or haul any traps having buoys with different colors than displayed on boat; exception. It is unlawful for any person with or from any boat to fish for lobsters or crabs, to set, haul or raise any lobster or crab trap which has a buoy attached thereto which buoy has any color thereon which is not at the time of the act displayed on the boat as provided in subsection 3.

A. This subsection does not apply if the person fishing, setting, hauling or raising such trap has written permission on his person at the time of the act from another person who is the rightful owner of the trap and who is duly licensed.

6. White and black are colors. White and black are colors for the purposes of this section.