

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 334**

S. P. 159

In Senate, February 6, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Regulate the Number of Lobster Traps in Certain Waters of Kittery.**

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

12 MRSA § 6439-A is enacted to read:

**§ 6439-A. Limited lobster fishing in the vicinity of Kittery**

**It shall be lawful to have on any trawl 10 or less lobster traps on one warp and buoy in the coastal waters between the following lines: Beginning at a point on the border between Maine and New Hampshire, thence in a line running parallel to the shore to Kitts Rock buoy; thence in a straight line to West Sister buoy; thence in a straight line to Murrays Rock buoy; thence due east to a point where that line intersects the boundary of the coastal waters within the 3-mile jurisdictional limit of the State.**

**No person shall have on any trawl more than 10 lobster traps on one warp and buoy within the boundaries of this area and each trawl shall be marked with an appropriate buoy stick of a height of not less than 4 feet.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit lobstermen in a defined area off the coast of Kittery to have up to 10 traps on a trawl. River traffic has caused serious damage to lobster trawls in this area. This bill will enable lobstermen to have less trawls to make their catch, thus reducing the number of trawls.