

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

### **Legislative Document**

## No. 1741

H. P. 1631 Office of the Clerk of the House Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

# STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

### AN ACT to Limit Possession of Lobsters on board Boats Rigged for Otter or Beam Trawling, Seining or Netting.

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

12 MRSA § 6952, sub-§ 1,  $\P$  B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

**B.** This section shall not apply to any boat rigged for otter or beam trawling, seining or netting if all nets are removed from the boat before fishing for lobsters and no fin fish are on board.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to insure conservation of Maine's lobster resource by prohibiting harvesting of lobster by any method other than conventional traps. Specifically, the bill would prevent fishermen from taking lobster as incidental catch during gill-netting operations.