

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 945
7	H.P. 736 House of Representatives, March 1, 1983
8	Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence
9	and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
	Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.
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12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17	AN ACT to Promote Conservation of Lobster
18 19	Resources.
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21	follows:
· 22	12 MRSA §6422 is enacted to read:
23	§6422. Restrictions on issuance of license
24	A lobster and crab fishing license may not be
25	issued to any person who has never held such a li-
26	cense before, unless:
27	1. Apprenticeship. The applicant furnishes, at
28	the time of application, such evidence as the commis-
29	sioner may require, that he has served an apprentice-
30	ship for a person who holds a valid lobster and crab
31	fishing license. The apprenticeship shall be for a
32	period of 2 years or for a period of at least 120
33	days in a 2-year period; or

1 2. Education. The applicant furnishes, at the 2 time of application, adequate evidence that he has 3 successfully completed a course of education approved 4 by the commissioner at the vocational-technical 5 school level.

STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to help preserve our 8 lobster resources. In 1981, lobster landings in 9 Maine exceeded 22 million pounds. Lobsters represent 10 a vital and traditional resource which is presently 11 being subjected to extensive fishing efforts. Con-12 tinued conservation methods are necessary to protect 13 and preserve this resource.

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