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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Original bill presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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> IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
> NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

## AN ACT to Give the Department of Marine Resources the Authority to Charge Fees for Lobster Trap Tags.

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

12 MRSA $\S 6442$ is enacted to read:
§6442. Lobster identification tags; fee authorized
The commissioner may impose a reasonable fee not to exceed 50C, for the issuance of lobster trap identification tags in those areas of the state where a state-enforced lobster trap limit is imposed.

The fees collected shall be paid to the Department of Marine Resources. The commissioner shall use these fees for the administration of the lobster trap tag system. Any fees that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse.

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The purpose of this new draft is to put a ceiling on the tag fee and to insure that fees collected are used only for the administration of the tag system. A 2-year sunset provision is made to allow for the deveiopment and testing of the tag system.

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