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No. 2236

S.P. 835

In Senate, May 20, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Location of Lobster Trap
Escape Vents.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the Legislature recently enacted legislation
authorizing the placement of rectangular escape vents on the top
of traps but did not address circular vents; and

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10 Whereas, this legislation should coincide with those other
changes; and

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14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1979, c. 353, §1, is amended to read:

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24 B. Two circular escape vents not less than 2 1/4 inches
(57.2 mm.) in diameter located next to the bottom edge or on
26 the top if the escape vents are placed over the head of an
end parlor section;

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This bill amends the laws relating to the location of escape
vents on lobster traps to allow circular vents to be placed on
36 the top of the trap over the head of an end parlor section.