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An Act To Ensure Consistent Access to Limited-entry Lobster Zones

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

1	Be it enacted	by the Peo	ople of the	State of Maine	as follows:
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2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6448, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

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3 <u>3-A. Fishing in limited-entry zones without prior licensure.</u> Notwithstanding any
other provision of this section, a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and
crab fishing license who did not hold a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab
fishing license prior to the effective date of this subsection may not fish traps in a
limited-entry zone unless that person's license identifies that zone as the declared lobster
zone.

SUMMARY

10 This bill prohibits a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab 11 fishing license who did not hold a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing 12 license prior to the effective date of this legislation from fishing traps in a limited-entry 13 zone that is not the license holder's declared lobster zone.