

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 775

In Senate, March 10, 2020

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### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Wholesale Seafood Licenses with Lobster Permits**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6851, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 523, §8, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **2-A. Wholesale seafood license with lobster permit.** ~~At~~ Except as provided in  
5 paragraph A, at the request of the applicant, the commissioner shall issue a wholesale  
6 seafood license with a lobster permit. A person holding a wholesale seafood license with  
7 a lobster permit may engage in all the activities in subsection 2 and may buy, sell, process  
8 or ship lobster or properly licensed or lawfully imported lobster meat or parts. A person  
9 holding a wholesale seafood license with a lobster permit may transport lobster or  
10 properly licensed or lawfully imported lobster meat or parts anywhere within the state  
11 limits. A license under this subsection does not authorize a person to possess or transport  
12 lobster that person has taken unless that person is in possession of a license issued under  
13 section 6421, subsection 3-A, paragraph A, B, C or E. A license under this subsection  
14 does not authorize a person to remove lobster meat from the shell unless a license under  
15 section 6851-B is held.

16 A. Until April 1, 2023, the commissioner may not issue a wholesale seafood license  
17 with a lobster permit to an individual unless that individual landed at least 1,000  
18 pounds of lobster under a wholesale seafood license with a lobster permit held by that  
19 individual at some point during the period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill establishes a moratorium until April 1, 2023 on the issuance of new  
22 wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits. Under this bill, the Commissioner of  
23 Marine Resources may not issue a wholesale seafood license with a lobster permit to an  
24 individual unless that individual landed at least 1,000 pounds of lobster under a wholesale  
25 seafood license with a lobster permit held by that individual at some point during the  
26 period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020.