

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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consuming equipment and systems for a range of operations of the facility over the life of the facility; and

(3) The evaluation of the energy consumption of component equipment in each system, considering operation of such components at other than full or rated outputs.

4. Annual updating of rules. Such rules shall be based on the best currently available methods of analysis and provisions shall be made for an annual updating of rules and standards as required.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 321

### AN ACT Limiting Three Lobster Traps to One Warp.

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

Whereas, the lobster fishing season will begin shortly; and

Whereas, this Act changes the permissible methods of lobster fishing; and

Whereas, these changes should be in effect at the earliest moment to avoid undue disruption in the lobster fishing industry; and

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 safety; now, therefore,

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

12 MRSA § 4465-A is enacted to read:

#### § 4465-A. Hancock County

It is unlawful to have on any trawl more than 3 lobster traps on one warp and buoy in any of the coastal waters within the following radio direction-finder LORAN A bearings: Beginning at Schoodic Point, Hancock County; thence running along the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H3-1990 in a southerly direction to a point where that line intersects with the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H7-1185; thence running along the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H7-1185 in a westerly direction, to and through Mt. Desert Rock, to a point where that line intersects with the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H3-2100; thence running along the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H3-2100 in a northerly direction to a point where that line intersects with the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H7-1160; thence

running along the line marked by LORAN A bearing 1H7-1160 in a westerly direction to a point where that line intersects with the line defined as the "second line" in section 4465, subsection 2.

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

Effective June 15, 1977

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## CHAPTER 322

### AN ACT Relating to Partnerships Between Husbands and Wives.

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

**Sec. 1.** 19 MRSA § 164 is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

This section shall not be construed to mean that a wife is not liable for the debts, contracted in the name of the partnership, of a partnership between husband and herself or between husband, herself and 3rd persons; nor shall it be construed to prohibit or limit the formation of a partnership between a husband and a wife or between a husband, wife and 3rd persons.

**Sec. 2.** 31 MRSA § 286, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 377, § 1, is amended to read:

A partnership shall mean an association of 2 or more persons, including an association of a husband and wife, to carry on as co-owners a business for profit.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 323

### AN ACT Relating to the Spending Ceiling for Education Purposes.

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

Whereas, without legislation, effective July 1, 1977, which amends the School Finance Act of 1976, a ceiling on education expenditures will be re-imposed on all local education units; and