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H. P. 940 House of Representatives, February 13, 1963 Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk Presented by Mr. Brown of South Portland by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Regulating the Maximum Size of Otter Trawlers in Casco Bay and Adjacent Waters.

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

Whereas, the season for fishing under this act begins in the spring of the year and in order that the fishing be regulated in the spring of 1963 the following legislation is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, the following legislation is needed to prevent hardships on many of Maine's fishermen who derive their livelihood from the sea; 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:

- R. S., c. 37-A, § 36-C, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 36-C of chapter 37-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 74 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:
 - 'I. Maximum size of otter trawlers. It is unlawful for any vessel with a register length in excess of 65 100 feet to fish with or use an otter trawl, or any other trawl within the above area during the months of June, July and August of each year.

A. For the purposes of this section register length shall be as set forth on said vessel's operating document or marine license issued in conformity to Title L "Regulation of Vessels in Domestic Commerce" of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America.'

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