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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

#### STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

## AN ACT Prohibiting the Taking of Striped or Sea Bass in Tidal Waters Except by Hand Line or Rod and Reel.

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

Whereas, striped or sea bass is one of our most valuable natural resources; and

Whereas, over harvesting practices such as "stop netting" is seriously injuring the growth, development and propagation of such species; and

Whereas, sound conservation practices prohibit the continuance of such practices at the earliest possible moment; 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:

P. & S. L., 1959, c. 155, § 70, repealed and replaced. Section 70 of chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959, as repealed and replaced by chapter 44 of the private and special laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 70. Taking of striped or sea bass. It shall be unlawful to fish for or catch striped or sea bass in the tidal waters of the State of Maine in any manner except by hand line or rod and reel.

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