

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1169

H. P. 908

House of Representatives, March 4, 1969

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Taking Lobsters by Use of Otter or Beam Trawls.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 4466, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4466, to read as follows:

§ 4466. Otter or beam trawls prohibited

It is unlawful for any person to fish for, catch or take any lobsters by use of an otter or beam trawl, or to have in possession any lobsters on board of any boat rigged for otter or beam trawling regardless of their source.

1. Exception. This section shall not apply to any person who catches or takes lobsters by use of an otter or beam trawl provided said lobsters are immediately liberated alive when caught. This section shall not apply to any person who uses an otter or beam trawl and who desires to fish for lobsters or crabs by pots or traps providing all nets are removed from the boat before fishing for lobsters.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense, and in default of payment by 30 days in jail; and for the 2nd offense, he shall be punished by a fine of \$200, and in default of payment by 60 days in jail.