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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 247

H. P. 190

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the License Fee for Lobster Fishing.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4404, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 4404 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

5. **License fee.** The fee for a lobster and crab fishing license is ~~\$10~~ \$100 which the applicant shall enclose with his application.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 4404, sub-§ 6, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 6 of section 4404 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Five dollars of the license fee received from each ~~\$10~~ \$100 for lobster and crab fishing licenses shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund, as heretofore established.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 4404, sub-§ 6-A, additional. Section 4404 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 67 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding a new subsection 6-A, to read as follows:

6-A. Disposition of license fees. Ninety dollars of the license fee collected for each lobster and crab fishing license shall be expended from time to time by the commissioner to enhance the lobster and crab fishing industry through investigation, protection and management of the resource. Fees so collected in any one year shall not lapse but may be used in any succeeding year for the same purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the fee for lobster fishing to promote more orderly harvesting of the lobster resources.