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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 879

H. P. 648 House of Representatives, February 16, 1971
Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jutras of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Prohibiting Draggers Within York County.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 4204-A, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4204-A to read as follows:

§ 4204-A. Draggers prohibited in part of York County

It is unlawful to fish with or use a beam trawl or dragger 100 feet in length and 12 to 15 feet in height, within the 3-mile limit of the coastline in York County.

1. Penalty. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The independent lobster fisherman in York County is being deprived of necessary bait for lobster traps along the coastline because of depletion by commercial fishermen using draggers 100 feet in length and 12 to 15 feet in width within the 3-mile limit of the coastline. They should drag in an area suitable for their large nets outside the 3-mile limit to preclude depletion of fish near the coastline, the only area left available for individual lobster fishermen to drag with their small nets usually 30 feet in width and 3 feet in height.