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H. P. 708

House of Representatives, February 15, 1973

Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Marking of Egg-bearing Lobsters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4401, sub-§ 4, ¶¶ A and B, amended. Paragraph A, as amended by section 11 of chapter 337 of the public laws of 1967, and paragraph B of subsection 4 of section 4401 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

A. The commissioner shall cause such lobsters, before being liberated, to be marked by cutting a V-notch in **either of the flippers next to the middle flipper of their tails.**

B. It is unlawful for any person to have in his possession any female lobster marked with a V-notch in the middle flipper of its tail **or the flippers on either side of the middle flipper** and any female lobster which is mutilated in such a manner to hide or obliterate such mark.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 4401, sub-§ 6, amended. Subsection 6 of section 4401 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

6. Prima facie evidence. The fact that a lobster has a V-notch in the middle flipper of its tail **or the flippers on either side of the middle flipper,** or has a mutilated middle flipper of its tail, is prima facie evidence that the lobster is a female lobster.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to make the marking of egg-bearing lobsters uniform among the States.