

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1266

House of Representatives, March 27, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Requiring Applicants for a Lobster and Crab Fishing License to
Derive 75% of their Income from Commercial Fishing.**

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

R. S., T. 12, § 4404, sub-§ 9, 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 9 to read as follows:

9. License; income requirements. Any holder of a lobster, crab or shrimp fishing license who fishes by the use of traps or pots, so called, shall be required to derive not less than 75% of his income from licensed commercial fishing to retain his license. The license holder shall annually furnish sworn proof in a form acceptable to the commissioner that no less than 75% of his income during the past year was earned from licensed commercial fishing as a condition to renewal of his lobster, shrimp or crab fishing license each year. There shall be excluded from such income payments or proceeds from retirement or pension benefits, or income not derived from wages or salaries.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation is designed to preserve the existing lobster, crab and shrimp fishing industries.