

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 359

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S. P. 104

In Senate, January 23, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Graffam of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to the Sale of Crawfish.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA, § 4452, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 763, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA, § 4452-A is enacted to read:

§ 4452-A. Sale of crawfish permitted

It is lawful for any person, firm, corporation or any place of business to sell, offer for sale or possess for sale within the State crawfish, so called, in any form. It shall be lawful to serve in public eating places, but unlawful to label or advertise as lobster or imitation lobster, any species of fish in either a canned, frozen or fresh state, whether removed from the shell or not, except the species of lobster known as *Homarus Americanus*.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will replace an unworkable statute. The present statute restricts the sale of crawfish, contains license fees which are unwarrantedly high and prohibits such items as slipper lobster from being sold.

States may do a number of things legally, but they may not interfere with interstate commerce purely to protect one business against its competitor.