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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1354

H. P. 1074

House of Representatives, March 24, 1975

On motion of Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

Cosponsor: Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Prima Facie Evidence that a Lobster is Female.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 4401, sub-§ 4, ¶ B, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 180, § 1, is further amended to read:

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. 12 MRSA § 4401, sub-§ 6, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 180, § 2, is further amended to read:

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 said flippers are mutilated~~ ~~middle flipper of its tail~~ is prima facie evidence that the lobster is a female lobster.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that a notch or mutilation on the flippers on either side of the middle flipper of a lobster is prima facie evidence that the lobster is female.