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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 644

H. P. 526 House of Representatives, February 24, 1977 Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington. Cosponsor: Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide that the Lobster Fund be a Continuing Account from Year to Year.

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

- 12 MRSA § 4404, sub-§ 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 714, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 6. Lobster Fund. Five dollars of each license fee received for lobster and crab fishing licenses shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund as heretofore established as follows:
 - A. Five dollars of each lobster and crab fishing license fee shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund for the purpose of purchasing seed lobsters from Maine lobster pound owners;
 - B. Fees allocated in any year not used in that year may be used in any succeeding year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The special session of the 107th Legislature changed the law to allow for the balance in the Lobster Fund to be transferred to the Boat Fund at the end of the calendar year. If this bill were enacted, the law would revert to the former procedure of having the Lobster Fund to be a continuing account from year to year.