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H. P. 648

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Limiting Three Lobster Traps to One Warp.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the lobster fishing season will begin shortly; and

Whereas, this Act changes the permissible methods of lobster fishing; and

Whereas, these changes should be in effect at the earliest moment to avoid undue disruption in the lobster fishing industry; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

12 MRSA § 4465, as amended by PL 1967, c. 105, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4465. Coastal waters

It is unlawful to have on any trawl more than 3 lobster traps on one warp and buoy in any of the coastal waters east of 69° 30' west longitude.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits more than 3 lobster traps on a trawl in all of the coastal waters between Pemaquid Point and the Canadian boundary. It extends the present 3 lobster trap limit to the Canadian border. This bill, as well as all other statutes regulating fishing, applies to all Maine licensed lobstermen, when they are fishing in Maine waters or United States waters, under the provisions of Title 12, section 3403.