

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1069

H. P. 878

House of Representatives, March 16, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

Cosponsor: Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Transfer \$10,000 from the Boat Fund to the Lobster Fund.

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

Whereas, the Lobster Fund of the Department of Marine Resources does not contain sufficient funds to purchase seed lobsters required for restocking Maine waters this summer; and

Whereas, such restocking is essential to maintain lobster population levels in the future; and

Whereas, the 90-day period prior to Acts becoming effective may not terminate until after the optimum restocking period; 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:

Transfer of funds from the Boat Fund to the Lobster Fund. The State Controller shall transfer \$10,000 from the present account of the Boat Fund to the Lobster Fund, to be used for the purchase of seed lobsters as authorized under Title 12, section 4404, subsection 6.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to transfer \$10,000 from the Boat Fund to the Lobster Fund. This transfer will provide additional funds that are necessary for restocking Maine waters. The Lobster Fund is presently too small to meet the full cost of this program for the coming summer. The restocking is essential to maintaining lobster population levels in the future.