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H. P. 894

House of Representatives, March 8, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

Cosponsors: Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth and Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Revise the Lobster Escape Vent Law and Remove its Sunset Provision.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6433, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

C. A gap caused by ~~raising both ends of a bottom lath separating two laths~~ in the parlor section **at both ends** by 1³/₄ inches (44.5 mm);

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6433, sub-§ 1, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 713, § 4-B, is amended to read:

The escape vents or gaps shall be installed or made in the parlor sections of the trap on the side or end ~~next to the sill~~ or on the top of the parlor section or, with the vertical gap, in the end of the parlor sections.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 6433, sub-§ 4 as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the lobster escape vent law to remove the requirement that a

vent created by separating laths may only be created on the lower edge of the trap. The change is necessary because bricks used as weights in traps could block escape if the vents are located on the bottom edge.

This bill also repeals the sunset provision in the law. Under the sunset provision, the escape vent law would no longer be effective after December 31, 1980.