

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 39

House of Representatives, January 5, 1981

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. E. Paradis of Old Town. (By Request)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Repeal the Prohibition on Importing Live Bait.

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

12 MRSA § 7613, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the prohibition on the importation of live bait. This change would correspond with recent enactments in other states intended to break down the barriers of commerce and would encourage the sport of fishing in Maine.

The fishing industry in Maine has grown so rapidly that it is not possible for the producers to produce sufficient live bait for Maine retailers. The same cold weather that produces the demand for live bait during ice fishing season makes it very difficult to raise the quality and quantity of live bait in demand in the State of Maine.