

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 324

H. P. 288

House of Representatives, January 20, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Limit the Use of Wooden Pot Buoys in the Coastal Waters of Maine.

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

12 MRSA § 6954 is enacted to read:

§ 6954. Use of marking devices of wood or other hard materials

It is unlawful to use wooden or other similar hard materials to construct pot buoys or other marking devices for use in the coastal waters of the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The use of wooden pot buoys in the coastal waters of Maine can no longer be justified. Heavy and costly damage is generally the result when boaters and fishermen strike a wooden pot buoy with their boat's propeller, this damage often times runs in excess of \$1,000 and can cause loss of boat and life. Substitute materials for use in pot buoy construction are readily available and not excessively priced.