

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 336

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7 H.P. 276

House of Representatives, January 31, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources, sent up for  
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Prohibit Possession of  
18 Lobsters by Scallop Boats.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA §6952, as amended by PL 1979, c. 621, §§1  
23 and 2, is further amended to read:

24 §6952. Trawling, seining or netting for lobster

25 It shall be unlawful to fish for or take lobsters  
26 by use of an otter or beam trawl, a scallop drag or  
27 trawl, seine or net or to have in possession any  
28 lobsters, regardless of their source, on board any  
29 boat rigged for otter or beam trawling, scallop  
30 dragging or trawling, seining or netting.

31 1. Exceptions.

1 A. No violation of this section shall occur if  
2 the lobster is immediately liberated alive in the  
3 coastal waters.

4 B. This section shall not apply to any boat  
5 rigged for otter or beam trawling, scallop  
6 dragging or trawling, or seining if all nets and  
7 scallop drags are removed from the boat.

8 C. This section shall not apply to any boat  
9 rigged for netting if there are no finfish taken  
10 by ~~gillnet~~ gill net aboard.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 It is illegal in Maine to harvest, possess and  
13 market lobsters that are caught by means other than  
14 the recognized trap method. To permit other means of  
15 harvesting the lobster resource, encourages unnec-  
16 essary destruction of the lobster resource and, addi-  
17 tionally, causes gear conflict situations.

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