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1 (New Draft of H.P. 777, L.D. 1007)
2 (New Title)

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

No. 1456

9 H.P. 1111

House of Representatives, April 14, 1983

10 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Marine Resources and
11 printed under Joint Rule 2.

12 Original bill presented by Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.
Cosponsored by Representative Melendy of Rockland, Senator Dutremble of
York and Representative Holloway of Edgecomb.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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19 AN ACT to Protect the Quality of
20 Lobsters.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 12 MRSA §6441 is enacted to read:

25 §6441. Plugged lobsters

26 The commissioner, in accordance with section
27 6191, may adopt regulations prohibiting the posses-
28 sion of plugged lobsters, provided that he has deter-
29 mined that these regulations will not adversely
30 affect lobster importation.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The 2 most common methods of restraining lobster
3 claws include wrapping the claws with a rubber band
4 and inserting small wooden plugs in each claw. Band-
5 ing rather than plugging definitely results in a bet-
6 ter product for the market. Maine dealers handle
7 Canadian as well as Maine lobsters, and Canadian
8 fishermen have not universally adopted banding. This
9 bill grants the Commissioner of Marine Resources the
10 authority to prohibit the possession of plugged
11 lobsters when the Canadian fishermen have been sub-
12 ject to a similar requirement.

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