

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2004

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7 H.P. 1522

House of Representatives, January 25, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
9 Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources is suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Prohibit the Use of Paravanes
18 in the Coastal Waters of Maine by any Vessel
19 that is under Propulsion.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §6955 is enacted to read:

24 §6955. Use of paravanes

25 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section,
26 "paravane" means a device on a watercraft, projecting
27 underwater, which is designed to stabilize the water-
28 craft while nets, seines, drags or trawls are being
29 raised.

30 2. Prohibition. No person may use a paravane on
31 any watercraft while that watercraft is under propul-
32 sion in the coastal waters of the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of paravanes by watercraft which are under propulsion. If paravanes are left out while a vessel is under propulsion, the paravane can get tangled with other nets or trap lines.

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