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ON	E HUNDRED ANI	D TWELFTH	LEGISLATURE	
Legislative Doc	ument			No. 952
H.P. 669		House of	Representatives, N	1arch 7, 1985
Referred to and ordered prin		Marine Resc	ources. Sent up for	concurrence
			EDWIN H.	PERT, Clerk
Presented by Rep	presentative Scarpi	no of St. Ge	orge.	
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N	IN THE YH INETEEN HUNDH	EAR OF OU RED AND E		
AN ACT	to Regulate 1	the Shipme	ent of Lobste	ers.
Be it enact follows:	ed by the Peo	ople of t	ne State of M	Maine as
12 MRSA	§6431-A is e	enacted to	o read:	
§6431-A. T	ransport of 1	Lobsters;	sorting	
<u>ping lobste</u> sort and p	rs into, thro	ough or with the set of the set o	transporting ithin the Sta parately acco	te shall
A. Lob as dete	sters less th rmined pursua	nan 3 3/16 ant to sec	5 inches in ction 6431;	length,
than 5	sters at le inches in ler ion 6431; and	ngth, as	l6 inches and determined	l no more pursuant
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1	2. Sealed containers. No person may transport
2	or ship into, through or within the State any
2 3	lobsters in the categories set out in subsection 1,
4	paragraphs A and C, unless the containers holding
5 6	those lobsters are sealed prior to entry into the
6	State. No such sealed container may be opened within
7	the State.
8	3. Manifest. No person may transport or ship in-
9	to, through or within the State any lobsters set out
10	in subsection 1, paragraphs A and C, unless those
11	lobsters are accompanied by a manifest documenting:
12	A. The total number of containers in the ship-
13	ment;
14	B. The number of containers in each category;
15	and
16	C. The net weight of each container in each cat-
17	egory.
18	STATEMENT OF FACT
19	Current practice allows sorting of lobsters
20	trans-shipped through the State. Because lobsters
21	are shipped in mixed lots, dealers, in order to cull
22	Maine legal from Maine illegal lobsters must techni-
23	cally violate Maine law. This bill corrects that
24	situation and makes it more difficult for illegal

25 Maine lobsters to enter the market.
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