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

No. 1067

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7 S.P. 388.

In Senate, March 19, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint
9 Rule 24.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Chalmers of Knox.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Conners of Franklin, Representative
Coles of Harpswell and Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Improve the Lobster Fund.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§1, as amended by PL
22 1981, c. 480, §2, is further amended to read:

23 1. Allocation of license fees. Ten dollars of
24 each \$33 fee and \$5 of each \$13 fee for each lobster
25 and crab fishing license shall be allocated to the
26 Lobster Fund, which shall be used for the purpose of
27 propagation of lobsters by liberating seed and female
28 lobsters in Maine coastal waters.

29 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§4, as enacted by PL
30 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following en-
31 acted in its place:

32 4. Programs. The commissioner may authorize the
33 expenditure of money in the Lobster Fund for programs
34 which address the restoration, development or conser-

1 vation of the lobster resources.

2 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
3 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

4 5. Nonlapsing fund. The Lobster Fund shall not
5 lapse to the General Fund, but shall remain in a con-
6 tinuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of
7 this section.

8 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§6 is enacted to
9 read:

10 6. Lobster Advisory Council. Money may be ex-
11 pended from the Lobster Fund with the advice and con-
12 sent of the Lobster Advisory Council.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The Lobster Advisory Council has determined that
15 allowing for greater flexibility in the use of the
16 Lobster Fund, greater efforts can be taken towards
17 improving the condition of the lobster fishery. The
18 council would have review and approval authority over
19 the use of the fund.

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