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1 (New Draft of H.P. 942, L.D. 1352)
2 (New Title)
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1620

9 H.P. 1124

House of Representatives, May 29, 1985

10 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Marine Resources and
11 printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Representative Scarpino
of St. George.

12 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-FIVE
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19 AN ACT to Examine the Lobster Resources of
20 the State.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§1, as amended by PL
25 1981, c. 480, §2, is further amended to read:

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

33 Sec. 2. Study authorized. The Legislature shall
34 authorize an independent review of all available,
35 relevant scientific literature on lobster biology in

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Over the past 10 years, the Legislature has de-
3 bated a variety of lobster conservation measures in
4 an atmosphere of uncertainty and, to some extent,
5 mistrust. While a substantial amount of scientific
6 research exists, its methodology and results are
7 hotly disputed by the industry.

8 The purpose of this amendment is to authorize a
9 professional review of the available lobster research
10 to determine whether or not there is sufficient sci-
11 entific justification for existing and proposed lob-
12 ster conservation efforts. The study will also indi-
13 cate which conservation measures appear to be promis-
14 ing.

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