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1 (New Draft of S.P. 651, L.D. 1676)  
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1970

8 S.P. 785

In Senate, February 4, 1986

9 Reported by Senator Brown for the Committee on Marine Resources and  
10 printed under Joint Rule 2. Original Bill sponsored by Senator Chalmers of  
11 Knox. Cosponsored by Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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18 AN ACT Concerning Lobster Trap Identification  
19 Tags.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §6442, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 687, is  
24 amended to read:

25 §6442. Lobster identification tags; fee authorized

26 The commissioner may impose a reasonable fee not  
27 to exceed 50¢ per tag, for the issuance of lobster  
28 trap identification tags in those areas of the State  
29 where a lobster trap limit is imposed by law or by  
30 regulation included in the Swan's Island Experimental  
31 Trap Limit Program.

32 The fees collected shall be paid to the depart-  
33 ment. The commissioner shall use these fees for the  
34 administration of the lobster trap tag system. Any

1 fees that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal  
2 year shall not lapse.

3 This section is repealed on December 31, 1986  
4 September 30, 1990.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this new draft is to extend the  
7 sunset provision by 4 years and to make clear the  
8 Legislature's intent that the commissioner's authori-  
9 ty to charge a fee for the issuance of a lobster trap  
10 tag is strictly limited to the waters around Swan's  
11 Island that are included in the experimental lobster  
12 trap limit program conducted by the Department of Ma-  
13 rine Resources. It is the intent of the Legislature  
14 that the commissioner not have the authority to  
15 charge a lobster trap tag fee in any other waters of  
16 the State.

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