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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1597, L.D. 2248,

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Bill, "AN ACT to Improve Lobster Research and Manage-

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ment."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2

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and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6431, sub-§1, as enacted by PL

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1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following en-

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acted in its place:

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1. Minimum and maximum length. It is unlawful to

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buy, sell, give away, transport, ship or possess any

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lobster which is less than the minimum size estab-

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lished by this subsection or more than 5 inches in

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length, as determined by the state double gauge lob-

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ster measure. The minimum size shall be as follows.

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A. Effective January 1, 1988, the minimum size

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shall be 3 7/32 inches.

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B. Effective January 1, 1989, the minimum size

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shall be 3 8/32 inches.

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C. Effective January 1, 1991, the minimum size

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shall be 3 9/32 inches.

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D. Effective January 1, 1992, the minimum size

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shall be 3 10/32 inches.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this amendment is to establish an
3 increase in the minimum lobster measure of 1/8 inch
4 over a 5-year period. Such an increase is conditional
5 on a federal minimum size and prohibition on posses-
6 sion of v-notched lobsters as required in the origi-
7 nal bill.

8 The Botsford study of lobster industry estimates
9 that catch and revenue will decline between 2% and 4%
10 over the transition period and that catch and revenue
11 will increase by more than 5% after the transition
12 period. Egg production will approximately double.
13 Thus, by keeping the annual changes in the measure to
14 1/32 inch, the negative impact on the industry will
15 be minimal.

16 This amendment will also make Maine efforts con-
17 sistent with similar legislation in Massachusetts.

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