

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

NO. 13
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7 H.P. 15 House of Representatives, January 9, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Use of Paravanes.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 12 MRSA §6956 is enacted to read:

22 §6956. Use of paravanes

23 1. Definition. For the purposes of this sec-
24 tion, "paravane" means a device on a watercraft, pro-
25 jecting underwater, which is designed to stabilize
26 the watercraft while nets, seines, drags or trawls
27 are being raised.

28 2. Prohibition. No person may use a paravane on
29 any watercraft while that watercraft is under propul-
30 sion and not being used in the act of fishing in the
31 coastal waters of the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of paravanes by watercraft which are under propulsion, but which are not being used to fish. If paravanes are left out while a vessel is under propulsion, the paravane can get tangled with other nets or trap lines.

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