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NO. 410

H.P. 311 House of Representatives, February 19, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives SCARPINO of St. George,
VOSE of Eastport, and Senator DUTREMBLE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Biodegradable Lobster Trap Vents.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Marine Resources has promulgated a rule, to be implemented in March of 1987, requiring biodegradable vents on all lobster traps; and

Whereas, this legislation is necessary as emer

12 gency legislation in order to prevent economic hard-13 ship to the lobster industry; and

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1 2 3 4 5 6	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
7 8	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
9	12 MRSA §6433-A is enacted to read:
10	§6433-A. Biodegradable vents
11 12	Any rule promulgated by the commissioner shall provide that:
13 14 15	1. New traps. Traps acquired after the effective date of this section must be equipped with biodegradable vents; and
16 17	2. All traps. All traps must be equipped with biodegradable vents by January 1, 1990.
18 19 20	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill delays implementation of the requirement that lobster traps have biodegradable vents for existing traps to January 1, 1990.

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