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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Delay Implementation of the 1989 Increase in Minimum Lobster Size.

(EMERGENCY)



1	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3	as emergencies; and
5	Whereas, an increase in minimum lobster size will occur on January 1, 1989; and
7	Whereas, the scheduled increase will result in substantial
9	hardship to Maine lobster harvesters if similar restrictions are not adopted by neighboring states; and
11	Whereas, the results of action taken by neighboring states
13	to adopt similar restrictions will not be known before January 1, 1989; and
15	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
17	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
19	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6431, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
25	677, §§2, 6 and 7, is amended to read:
27	B. Effective January <u>April</u> 1, 1989, the minimum size shall be 3 8/32 inches.
29	Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies retroactively to January
31	1, 1989.
33	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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37	STATEMENT OF FACT
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41	This bill delays implementation of the scheduled 1989 increase in minimum lobster size from January 1 to April 1. This delay is necessary in order to ensure that Maine lobster
43	harvesters are not placed at a disadvantage by the increase if neighboring states fail to adopt similar restrictions.