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Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.

Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville, Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative AULT of Wayne.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Pertaining to Electronic Fishing Devices.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7608**, as amended to PL 1987, c. 696, §17, is
5 further amended to read:

7 **§7608. Fishing with illegal implements or devices**

9 A person is guilty of fishing with illegal implements or
11 devices if he uses any fish spawn, grapnel, spear, spear gun,
13 trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set lines for fishing
15 or if that person uses any electronic or battery-powered devices
17 for luring ~~or~~ attracting or locating fish, except that a person
may take suckers, eels, hornpout, alewives, yellow perch and cusk
in accordance with section 7153 and except as otherwise
provided. The commissioner may, by rule, allow the use of an
electronic or battery-powered device to locate fish for research
purposes.

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21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of
25 electronic or battery-powered devices for locating fish except as
allowed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for
research purposes.