

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 693

House of Representatives, March 28, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representative SKOGLUND of St George, Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot and Senator ESTES of York.

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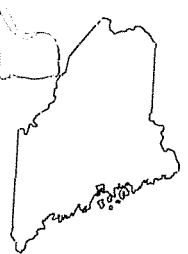
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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An Act Making It Illegal to Possess Lobsters Caught Illegally.

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

3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6432, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:**

5 5. Penalty for possession. Possession of lobsters other  
7 than caught by the method specified in subsection 1 is a Class D  
9 crime, except that in addition to any punishment that may be  
11 imposed under Title 17-A, Part 3, the court shall impose a fine  
13 of \$25 for each violation and, in addition, a fine of \$30 for  
15 each lobster involved.

17 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6443 is enacted to read:**

19 **§6443. Underwater storage**

21 Beginning January 1, 1990, any trap or other container used  
23 for storing lobsters beneath the surface of the coastal waters  
25 must be clearly marked with the wholesale seafood license number  
27 or the fishing license number of the person storing the lobsters.

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31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 This bill makes possession of lobsters caught illegally a  
35 Class D crime and imposes a fine. In addition, this bill  
37 requires persons using traps or other containers to store  
39 lobsters in the coastal waters to clearly mark each trap or  
container with their wholesale or fishing license number.