

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 823

House of Representatives, April 12, 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

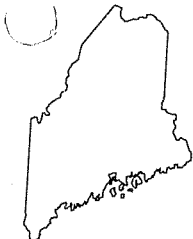
Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Restrict the Use of Lobster Trap Dipping Solutions.



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

3 **38 MRSA §419-B** is enacted to read:

5 **§419-B. Dipping treatments restricted**

7 No person may dip, soak or treat lobster or crab traps,
9 warps, buoys or cars prior to use in waters of the State unless
11 the dipping solution has been listed in department rules as a
13 permissible dipping solution. The department may promulgate
15 rules listing permissible dipping solutions if it determines that
17 certain solutions are not harmful to the marine environment.

15 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

17 The practice of dipping wooden lobster traps and other
19 similar gear in kerosene, oil or other preservatives may result
21 in a discharge of such substances into the sensitive marine
23 environment. This bill prohibits the dipping of lobster traps
and other similar gear in any substance unless that substance has
been designated by rules by the Department of Environmental
Protection as an acceptable dipping solution.