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H.P. 863

House of Representatives, April 18, 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 CARROLL of Southwest Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Prevent the Destruction of Lobster Gear.



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

3 12 MRSA §6434, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is
5 amended to read:

7 **§6434. Molesting gear**

9 It shall be unlawful for any person, except a coastal
11 warden, marine patrol officer, the United States Coast Guard,
13 ferry boats, the licensed owner or a person having written
15 permission from the licensed owner, to raise, lift, transfer,
possess or in any manner molest any lobster trap, warp, buoy or
car. It shall be unlawful for any person to install, repair or
operate an automatic line-cutting device on the propeller shaft
of any vessel.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill prohibits the use of automatic line-cutting
devices, commonly referred to as spurs, in Maine waters.