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House of Representatives, May 3, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning the Location of Lobster Trap Vents.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(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, lobster trap vents are required in lobster traps to allow undersized lobsters to escape the traps; and
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9	Whereas, the current law specifies where those lobster trap vents must be located in the lobster trap; and
11	Whereas, more flexibility can be allowed in the current law regarding the location of those vents and still allow undersized
13	lobsters to escape easily; and
15	Whereas, many lobster traps will have to be rebuilt or discarded if the law is not changed; and
17	Whereas, failure to make this change quickly will result in
19	unnecessary economic hardship to the lobster industry; and
21	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
23 25	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
27	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
29	12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 353, §1, is amended to read:
31	E. A gap caused by separating both ends of 2 laths 1 3/4
33	inches (44.5 mm.) on the top of the parlor section next to the middle bow or supporting frame and directly over the
35	parlor head; or
37·	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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41	STATEMENT OF FACT
43	This bill deletes the requirement that the lobster trap vent be directly over the parlor head. Traps which have vents located
45	elsewhere allow the undersized lobeters to escape just as easily