



116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

Legislative Document

No. 34

H.P. 31

House of Representatives, January 12, 1993

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

SEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro.

Cosponsored by Representative HEINO of Boothbay, Representative LINDAHL of Northport and Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

An Act to Allow the Possession of Hatchery Produced, Sublegal, Red, Yellow or Blue Lobsters as Aquarium Pets.

Printed on recycled paper

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
2	
	Sec.1. 12 MRSA §6431, sub-§6-B is enacted to read:
4	6 P. Color manipula of any sets. Naturithetanding
6 su	<u>6-B. Color variants as aquarium pets.</u> Notwithstanding bsection 1:
8	A. A lobster hatchery established under section 6451, subsection 6, may possess and sell red, yellow or blue
10	lobsters that are smaller than the minimum size permitted in subsection 1 to pet shops licensed under Title 7, section
12	3933;
14	<u>B. A pet shop licensed under Title 7, section 3933, may</u> possess and offer for retail sale as an aquarium pet any
16	red, yellow or blue lobster smaller than the minimum size permitted in subsection 1, provided that the lobster was
18	purchased by that pet shop from a lobster hatchery
20	established under section 6451; and
	C. A person may possess and keep as an aquarium pet any
2 2	red, yellow or blue lobster smaller than the minimum size
24	<u>permitted in subsection 1, provided that the lobster was</u> <u>purchased from a pet shop authorized by paragraph B to</u>
26	possess such lobsters.
28	STATEMENT OF FACT
30 re	This bill allows licensed pet shops to sell hatchery-raised d, yellow or blue lobsters that are smaller than the minimum

32 size otherwise allowed by law as aquarium pets.

.

;

Page 1-LR0292(1)

L.D. 34