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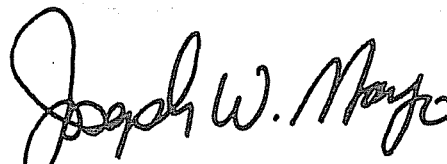
No. 1147

H.P. 842

House of Representatives, April 1, 1993

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Lobster Promotion Council.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLES of Harpswell, HEINO of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery, SKOGLUND of St. George, Senators: GOULD of Waldo, PINGREE of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§4, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

4 D-1. Market and sell goods directly related to the
6 functions of the council and deposit all proceeds in the
8 Lobster Promotion Fund;

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 523,
§2, is amended to read:

12 **5. Fund established; license surcharge assessed.** The
14 Lobster Promotion Fund, referred to in this subchapter as the
"fund," is established in the department to carry out the
16 purposes of this subchapter. The council shall administer the
fund and the department shall transfer to the fund all money
18 appropriated or received by the department for the purposes of
this subchapter. The fund is capitalized from the following
20 annual surcharges assessed on the following licenses issued by
the department ~~for calendar years 1992 and 1993~~:

22 A. Class I crab and lobster licenses for persons 18 to 69
years of age, \$25;

24 B. Class II crab and lobster licenses, \$50;

26 C. Class III crab and lobster licenses, \$75;

28 D. Wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits, \$200;
30 and

32 E. Lobster transportation licenses, \$200.

34 A person holding more than one of the licenses listed in this
subsection is assessed a surcharge only on the highest
36 surchargeable license held.

38 The Treasurer of State shall hold all surcharges assessed by this
subsection in the fund and invest all money in the fund until
40 disbursement is authorized by the council. Interest from
investments accrues to the fund.

42 All money in the fund is subject to allocation by the
44 Legislature. Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of the
fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used
46 for the same purposes.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This bill allows the Lobster Promotion Council to market and
6 sell items related to its functions with the proceeds accruing to
8 the Lobster Promotion Fund. This bill also indefinitely extends
the Lobster Promotion Council, which would otherwise expire at
the end of this calendar year.