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An Act to Establish a Limit on Lobster Trap Trawls for Certain Coastal Waters.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

**VJOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk** 

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, immediate legislative action is required to solve lobster gear conflicts caused by the overlay of long trawls; and б

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 12 safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6439-B is enacted to read: 16

18 <u>§6439-B. Limited lobster fishing in coastal waters</u>

20 It is unlawful for a person to have on any trawl more than 6 lobster traps in any coastal waters not governed by sections 6439 22 and 6439-A.

24 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would establish a trap limit of 6 lobster traps per trawl in all coastal waters that presently have no trawl limit.

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This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical need amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.

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