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No. 281

S.P. 105

In Senate, January 27, 1995

An Act to Reduce from 5 to 2 the Number of Ice-fishing Lines That May Be Fished by One Person.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'DEA of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7572, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493,
§45, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Two-line limit.** Unless otherwise provided by rule, a
person licensed to fish may fish through ice in the daytime with
8 not more than 5 2 lines set or otherwise, which shall must be
under that person's immediate supervision, in any waters which
10 that have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7572, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 438,
§35, is further amended to read:

14 **2. Cusk.** Unless otherwise provided by rule, a person
16 licensed to fish may fish through the ice in the nighttime for
cusk in waters that have been opened pursuant to section 7571,
18 subsection 2, by using not more than 5 2 lines set or otherwise.
All lines set for cusk in the nighttime must be visited at least
20 once every hour by the person setting them.

22 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7611**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is
amended to read:

24 **§7611. Two-line fishing limit**

26 A person ~~is-guilty-of-fishing~~ may fish with not more than 2
28 lines ~~if-he-fishes-with-more-than-2-lines~~ at any one time, ~~except~~
~~that-a-person-may-fish-with-more-than-2-lines-in-accordance-with~~
30 ~~subchapter-II-on-ice-fishing.~~

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill reduces the number of fishing lines allowed for
36 ice fishing from 5 to 2, which matches the number of lines
allowed for non-ice fishing.