

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 331

S.P. 145

In Senate, January 31, 1995

An Act to Ban Spurs on Boats.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources 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 GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: CASSIDY of Washington, Representatives: BAILEY of Township
27, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LOOK of Jonesboro, VOLENIK of Sedgwick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6446** is enacted to read:

6 **§6446. Cutting gear prohibited**

8 It is unlawful to own or operate a vessel in the coastal
10 waters of the State when any man-made cutting device has been
12 attached to the vessel for the purpose of keeping its propeller
14 shaft or propeller free from lines, weeds or debris, except that
a cutting device is lawful if the device and the propeller shaft
to which it is attached are enclosed by a protective cage. The
commissioner shall establish by rule the minimum design
requirements of the protective cage.

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 **This bill prohibits the use of line cutting devices, also**
20 **known as spurs, on the propellers of marine vessels, except when**
22 **a protective cage is also installed around the cutting device.**
24 **Violation of this section is considered a Class D crime under the**
general penalty provision of marine law under the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 12, section 6204.