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An Act Concerning the Sale of Double Gauge Lobster Measures.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: PINGREE of Knox.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6431, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 677, §§3, 6 and 7, is further amended to read:

3. Double gauge measure; evidentiary value. The-department shall-provide-the-State-double-gauge-lobster-measure-for-sale-at a actual--cost. The department shall use a state double gauge lobster measure. The measure shall must have one gauge of 3 3/16
inches and another gauge 5 inches in length. No measurement, other than by the State's double gauge lobster measure, may-be is admissible in any court in the State. The commissioner is authorized to adjust the State double gauge lobster measure to conform to the minimum legal size in effect.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, the Department of Marine Resources is 20 instructed to sell double gauge lobster measures. This bill removes the State from that obligation.