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No. 1733

S.P. 673

In Senate, January 25, 1996

**An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of Law Pertaining to Lobster
Management.**

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
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 PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: RICE of South Bristol.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶¶E and F,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 468, §3, are amended to read:

6 E. Documents to the commissioner that the person made a
8 substantial investment between January 1, 1993 and April 30,
10 1995 in equipment directly related to the harvesting of
lobsters. The commissioner shall define by rule the term
"substantial investment"; ~~or~~

12 F. Is 65 years of age or older and has held a lobster and
14 crab fishing license; ~~or~~

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶G** is enacted to read:

18 G. Documents to the commissioner that the person obtained
20 at least 2 years of practical lobster fishing experience as
a sternperson employed by the holder of a Class I, Class II
or Class III license issued under this section.

22 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c.
24 468, §4, is repealed.

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill provides that a person who can document experience
30 as a sternperson on a lobster boat may obtain a lobster license
without entering the apprenticeship program.