

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 246

H.P. 193

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

**An Act to Restrict the Identification Tags Used on Lobster Traps to  
Consecutive Numbers.**

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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, GERRY of Auburn.

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6431-B, sub-§§1 and 2** are enacted to read:

1. Numbering system. Tags issued by the commissioner pursuant to this section must be numbered. Tags must be issued to individual lobster and crab fishing license holders in consecutive order.

2. Limit on information on tags. Tags issued by the commissioner pursuant to this section may not contain the lobster and crab fishing license number, name or any other form of personal identification of the lobster and crab fishing license holder who purchases the tag.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits that any tag issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources under the lobster trap tag system contain the lobster and crab fishing license number, name or any other form of personal identification of the person who purchases the tag. It requires tags to be numbered and issued to individual lobster and crab fishing license holders in consecutive order.