

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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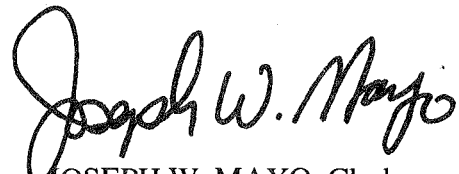
H.P. 560

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Outlaw the Use of Eel Pots in Inland Waters.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7153, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 536, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

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A. Eels may be harvested in inland waters using only eel ~~pots-or~~ weirs.

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7153, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 536, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

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2. **Fee.** The minimum fee for an individual permit for alewives, suckers and yellow perch is \$42. Beginning in calendar year 1996, a crew permit may be sold for alewives, suckers and yellow perch for \$100, authorizing up to 3 persons to engage in the licensed activity. The annual fee for ~~an-eel-pot-or~~ a weir permit is \$100. An ~~eel--pot--or~~ eel weir license is not transferable.

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Sec. 3. **Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1998.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill prohibits the use of eel pots in inland waters. The effective date of this bill is postponed until January 1, 1998 so that persons possessing eel pot permits issued for calendar year 1997 may lawfully fish for eels on inland waters using an eel pot until the expiration of that permit.