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House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

**An Act to Extend the Lobster Promotion Council and Its Personnel
Requirements.**

Submitted by the Maine Lobster Promotion Council pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, HONEY of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL
of Northport, POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 545, §3, is further amended to read:

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3-A. Employees. The council shall hire a full-time executive director and may hire clerical staff as needed to perform its duties. Employees of the Lobster Promotion Council serve at the pleasure of the council. The salary and benefits for employees of the council are determined by the council.

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1993, c. 545, §5, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

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5. Fund established; license surcharge assessed. The Lobster Promotion Fund, referred to in this subchapter as the "fund," is established to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. The department shall pay to the fund all money appropriated or received by the department for the purposes of this subchapter, except that the department may retain funds necessary to reimburse the department for the actual cost of collecting the license surcharges established in this subsection. The fund is capitalized from the following annual surcharges assessed on the following licenses issued by the department for calendar years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001:

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows the Lobster Promotion Council to hire staff as needed and continues to capitalize the fund through surcharges on lobster and crab licenses extended through the year 2001.

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