

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

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### **An Act Regarding Lobster Trap Escape Vent Dimensions.**

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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 VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LEMONT of Kittery, McNEIL of Rockland, PINKHAM of Lamoine, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 101, is further amended to read:

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A. A rectangular or oblong escape vent not less than  $1 \frac{3}{4}$  7/8 inches (44.5 47.6 mm.) by 5.75 inches (146 mm.) located next to the bottom edge;

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**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 217, is further amended to read:

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E. A gap caused by separating both ends of 2 laths  $1 \frac{3}{4}$  7/8 inches (44.5 47.6 mm.) on the top of the parlor section next to the middle bow or supporting frame and over the parlor head; or

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**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 677, §§4, 6 and 7, is repealed.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill changes the lower dimensions for lobster trap escape vents to  $1 \frac{7}{8}$  inches. It also repeals the authority of the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adjust by rule lobster trap escape vent dimensions.

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