

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 875

H.P. 625

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

### **An Act to Minimize the Harmful Effects of Lead.**

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, CHICK of Lebanon, ETNIER of Harpswell,  
McKEE of Wayne, ROWE of Portland, STEVENS of Orono, Senators: KILKELLY of  
Lincoln, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

2                   Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7608, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432, §49, is  
4 further amended to read:

6                   **§7608. Fishing with illegal implements or devices**

8                   A person is guilty of fishing with illegal implements or  
10 devices if that person uses any fish spawn, grapnel, spear, spear  
12 gun, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set lines for  
14 fishing or if that person uses any electronic or battery-powered  
devices for luring or attracting fish, except that a person may  
take suckers, eels, alewives and yellow perch in accordance with  
section 7153 and except as otherwise provided.

16                   After January 1, 2000, a person is guilty of fishing with  
18 illegal implements or devices if that person uses an artificial  
lure or sinker for fishing that contains any lead and weighs less  
than 2 ounces.

22                   **SUMMARY**

24                   This bill prohibits the use of an artificial lure or sinker  
26 for fishing after January 1, 2000 that contains any lead and  
weighs less than 2 ounces.