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House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

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### An Act to Establish Lobster Hatcheries.

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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: DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HONEY of Boothbay.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 619, sub-c. VI is enacted to read:**

6 **SUBCHAPTER VI**

8 **LOBSTER HATCHERIES**

10 **§6481. Lobster Hatchery Fund**

12 1. Lobster Hatchery Fund. The Lobster Hatchery Fund is established as a dedicated nonlapsing fund. The fund is administered by the department.

14 2. Purpose. All money credited to the Lobster Hatchery Fund must be used to establish and administer lobster hatcheries pursuant to section 6482.

18 3. License surcharges. The Lobster Hatchery Fund is capitalized by a \$25 annual surcharge assessed on Class I lobster and crab fishing licenses for persons 18 to 69 years of age, Class II and Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses, wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits and lobster transportation licenses.

24 **§6482. Establishment of lobster hatcheries**

26 The commissioner shall establish subject to availability of funds under section 6481 a lobster hatchery in each lobster management zone created pursuant to section 6446. The commissioner may by rule establish procedures and standards for the operation of lobster hatcheries. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill creates the Lobster Hatchery Fund, which must be used by the Commissioner of Marine Resources to establish a lobster hatchery in each lobster management zone. The fund is capitalized by an annual \$25 surcharge on each commercial lobster license.