

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 1139

H.P. 816

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

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**An Act to Amend the Law for Children of Lobster License Holders.**

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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 ANDREWS of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, LEMONT of Kittery, WHEELER  
of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§4, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c.  
574, §2, is further amended to read:

6 B. Documents to the commissioner that the person obtained  
7 practical lobster fishing experience as a holder of a  
8 student license issued under section 6421; ~~e~~

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§4, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.  
11 574, §3, is amended to read:

12 E. Documents to the commissioner that the person obtained  
13 practical lobster fishing experience as an apprentice in the  
14 Monhegan Lobster Conservation Area pursuant to section  
15 6475 ~~;~~ or

18 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§4, ¶F** is enacted to read:

20 F. Documents to the commissioner that the person obtained  
21 practical lobster fishing experience as an unlicensed crew  
22 member assisting the holder of a Class II or Class III  
23 license issued under section 6421 and that the person is  
24 related to the license holder as a child by blood, child by  
25 adoption or stepchild.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill amends the apprentice program for new entrants  
31 into Maine's lobster fishery by authorizing the Commissioner of  
32 Marine Resources to waive all or part of the practical lobster  
33 fishing experience component or the program length for a person  
34 who is the child of a lobster and crab fishing license holder and  
35 who has obtained practical lobster fishing experience as an  
36 unlicensed crew member assisting that license holder.