

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1288

H.P. 910

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Establish a Lobster License for 30-year Residents of the State  
Who are 65 Years of Age or Older.**

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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 GOODWIN of Pembroke.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUGAY of Cherryfield, USHER of Westbrook.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, §1, is further amended to read:

6       **2. Licensed activity.** The holder of a Class I, Class II, Class III, apprentice ~~or~~, student or 30-year resident lobster and crab fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship or transport within the State lobsters or crabs and sell lobsters or crabs the license holder has taken. The license does not authorize the license holder to remove lobster meat from the shell or to take, possess, transport or ship lobster parts or meat. The holder of a Class II or Class III license is liable for the licensed activities under this subsection of all unlicensed crew members assisting that licensee.

16       **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§3-A, ¶G**, is enacted to read:

18       G. A 30-year resident license authorizes the license holder to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2. A person issued a 30-year license may not submerge at any one time more than 150 lobster traps in the coastal waters of the State.

24       **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

26       5-B. Thirty-year resident license eligibility. A 30-year resident license may be issued only to a person who, at the time of application, is 65 years of age or older and a resident of the State and who has been a full-time resident for each of the previous 30 years. An applicant for a 30-year resident license shall provide the commissioner documentation of that applicant's status as a full-time resident of the State for the current year and each of the previous 30 years.

36       **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §5421, sub-§7-A, ¶G**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, §1, is further amended to read:

38       G. Forty-six dollars for a student lobster and crab fishing license; and

42       **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §5421, sub-§7-A, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 568, §1, is amended to read:

44       H. Forty-six dollars for a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license; and

48       **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-A, ¶I** is enacted to read:

