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H.P. 1675

House of Representatives, January 5, 2000

An Act to Limit Lobster Management Zones to State Coastal Waters.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6446, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 468,**
§8, is amended to read:

6 **1. Establishment of zones.** The commissioner may establish
by rule zones to facilitate local or regional management of
8 lobster fishery efforts. A lobster management zone may not
10 extend beyond 3 nautical miles from the coastline of the State.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill limits lobster management zones to 3 nautical
miles from the coastline of the State.