

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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H.P. 1828

House of Representatives, February 10, 2000

**An Act to Grandfather Apprentices in the Lobstering Program for  
Lobster Management Zone G Entry.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 WHEELER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and  
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke,  
HONEY of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery, MAYO of Bath, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           Whereas, changes were made to licensing requirements for  
6           lobstering by the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature  
to restrict entry into certain lobster management zones including  
8           zone G; and

10          Whereas, persons licensed as apprentices when the changes  
took effect may not be licensed to fish zone G unless authorized  
12          as new zone entrants; and

14          Whereas, this unfairly deprives those apprentices of fishing  
zone G; and

16          Whereas, it is imperative that this inequity is resolved as  
18          quickly as possible; and

20          Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
22          Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
24          safety; now, therefore,

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

28                **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6448, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 508,  
§3, is amended to read:

30                **4. Limited-entry zone as declared lobster zone.** A person may  
32                not be issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab  
fishing license that identifies a limited-entry zone as the  
34                declared lobster zone unless that person:

36                    A. Held in the previous licensing year a Class I, Class II  
or Class III lobster and crab fishing license that  
38                    identified that zone as the person's declared lobster zone;  
or

40                    B. Is authorized as a new zone entrant by the commissioner  
42                    pursuant to subsection 7 to declare that zone as the  
person's declared lobster zone; or

44                    C. Meets the following requirements:

46                                (1) Was enrolled as of September 19, 1999 in an  
48                                apprentice lobster fishing program established pursuant  
to section 6422;

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