

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1243, L.D. 1667, Bill, "An Act To Repeal the Exception Provision for Certain Imported Lobster under the Laws Governing Lobster Measurement"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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

**Whereas,** the purpose of this legislation is to conserve Maine's lobster resource; and

**Whereas,** the protection of the lobster brood stock, primarily its over-sized, more productive, egg-bearing lobsters, is crucial to the health and longevity of Maine's lobster population; and

**Whereas,** Maine's lobster population is replenished by lobster brood stock from outside of Maine; and

**Whereas,** Maine has strict laws designed to protect and conserve Maine's lobster brood stock; and

**Whereas,** the harvest of over-sized lobsters outside of Maine threatens the viability of Maine's lobster resource; and

**Whereas,** given the aforementioned considerations, it is necessary for Maine to further strengthen its commitment to conserve the lobster brood stock; and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

