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H.P. 1243

House of Representatives, December 19, 2003

### **An Act To Repeal the Exception Provision for Certain Imported Lobster under the Laws Governing Lobster Measurement**

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUGAY of Cherryfield, EARLE of  
Damariscotta, GOODWIN of Pembroke, PELLON of Machias, PERCY of Phippsburg,  
PINGREE of North Haven.

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

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6           **Whereas,** the purpose of this legislation is to disallow the  
shipment of large brood lobsters through Maine; and

8           **Whereas,** this legislation will help protect Maine's lobster  
industry and ensure the long-term viability of this valuable  
10 resource; and

12           **Whereas,** legislative action is immediately necessary in  
order to protect the lobster industry while fishermen are  
14 enjoying record lobster catches and while the State is  
experiencing a relatively healthy fishery; and

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

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

24           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6431, sub-§6,** as repealed and replaced by PL  
26 1987, c. 513, §4, is repealed.

28           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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### SUMMARY

34           This bill repeals the provision of law that allows certain  
imported lobster to be exempt from the laws governing lobster  
36 measurement.