

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 92

S.P. 41

In Senate, January 9, 2007

### An Act To Modify the Boundaries of Maine's Lobster Fishing Zones

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and  
Senator: DAMON of Hancock, Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6446, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 7. **Three-mile limit.** A zone established under subsection 1 may not extend beyond  
4 the 3-mile limit on coastal waters as established by the National Oceanic and  
5 Atmospheric Administration or successor federal agency. Notwithstanding any other  
6 provision of this chapter, rules created under this section may not allow a holder of a  
7 lobster and crab fishing license declared for any particular zone more traps beyond the 3-  
8 mile limit than any other holder of a lobster and crab fishing license.

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### SUMMARY

10 This bill restricts lobster management zones from extending beyond the 3-mile limit  
11 as set by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and prohibits rules that  
12 would allow a holder of a lobster and crab fishing license declared for any particular zone  
13 more traps beyond the 3-mile limit than any other holder of a lobster and crab fishing  
14 license.