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H.P. 720

House of Representatives, March 14, 2017

**An Act To Prohibit Stocking Fish in or Using Live Fish as Bait on
Tributaries to State Heritage Fish Waters**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DUNPHY of Old Town,
HARVELL of Farmington, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12461, sub-§§4 and 5**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 21, §2,
3 are further amended to read:

4 **4. Stocking state heritage fish waters.** The commissioner may not stock or issue a
5 permit to stock fish in a lake or pond listed as a state heritage fish water under this section
6 or in a tributary to such a lake or pond.

7 **5. Fishing restrictions.** A person may not use live fish as bait or possess live fish to
8 be used as bait on a lake or pond listed as a state heritage fish water under this section or
9 on a tributary to such a lake or pond. A person who violates this subsection commits a
10 Class E crime.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from stocking
13 fish in tributaries of state heritage fish waters and prohibits a person from using live fish
14 as bait on such a tributary.