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In Senate, March 10, 2020

**An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry by Providing to Consumers
Information Regarding Live Lobsters Sold in the State**

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6006** is enacted to read:

3 **§6006. Information to consumers; lobsters**

4 **1. Information to consumers.** The department shall implement a program that
5 provides to consumers information regarding live lobsters sold in the State. The
6 information, which may be conveyed through labeling, must inform a consumer whether
7 the lobster was:

8 A. Stored in a tube or other confined compartment that does not allow the lobster to
9 move freely within the tube or compartment;

10 B. Caught or landed in a location other than in this State or the waters of this State
11 and, if so, where; and

12 C. Stored in a lobster pound for more than 7 days.

13 **2. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
14 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
15 subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill directs the Department of Marine Resources to implement a program to
18 provide to consumers information regarding live lobsters sold in the State. The
19 information, which may be conveyed through labeling, must convey to the consumer
20 certain information regarding the location in which the lobster was landed and the method
21 and length of time of storage.