

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2023

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No. 710

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H.P. 479

House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

### **An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, PARRY of Arundel, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of  
Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Lobster Legal Defense Fund Z365**

6 Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations to support the State's lobster industry by  
7 reimbursing a statewide association of individuals engaged in commercial lobster fishing  
8 and the labor union representing individuals engaged in commercial lobster fishing in the  
9 State for legal costs incurred and paid in legal proceedings involving the regulations of the  
10 United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
11 Administration implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.

12 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
13 All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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15 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides one-time appropriations to support the State's lobster industry by  
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19 and the labor union representing individuals engaged in commercial lobster fishing in the  
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