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House of Representatives, February 10, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Regulating the Use of Otter or Beam Trawls.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 27-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 27-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 27-A. Use of otter or beam trawls. The use of either otter or beam trawls within the territorial waters of this State is prohibited for use in taking lobsters. All lobsters so taken shall be immediately liberated alive.

The possession of lobsters on board an otter or beam trawler shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense, and in default of payment by 30 days in jail; and for the 2nd offense, he shall be punished by a fine of \$200, and in default of payment by 60 days in jail.'