

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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2. **Actions prohibited.** It is unlawful to set, raise, haul or transfer any lobster or crab trap unless the trap is equipped with an escape vent as required in this section.

Sec. 2. Effective date and termination. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1979 and shall continue in effect until December 31, 1980.

Sec. 3. Department research. During 1977 the Department of Marine Resources shall undertake to research the potential effect of this Act on the lobster fishery. Included in such research shall be "double-parlor" experiments to determine the size and number of lobsters that may escape through the required vents.

Effective January 1, 1979

CHAPTER 386

AN ACT to Establish Withdrawal Dates for Candidates and Nominees.

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

21 MRSA § 1476 is enacted to read:

§ 1476. **Withdrawal of candidates or nominees**

1. **Federal or gubernatorial office.** If a candidate or nominee for a federal or gubernatorial office withdraws after 40 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

2. **State Senator or county office.** If a candidate or nominee for State Senator or county office withdraws after 20 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

3. **Representative to Legislature.** If a candidate or nominee for Representative to the Legislature withdraws after 10 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

4. **Last day for withdrawal.** Immediately after the last day for withdrawal, the Secretary of State shall list all names to be placed on the ballot for any election.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 387

**AN ACT to Remove Weight Restriction on Black Bass
During a Sanctioned Bass Tournament.**

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

12 MRSA § 2553-B is enacted to read:

§ 2553-B. One-day bass tournaments

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2553, there shall be no weight restrictions on the taking or catching of black bass by contestants during one-day bass tournaments sponsored by Maine bass clubs and approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife which are held within the State during open season for black bass in waters free of ice.

The commissioner shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to: Limiting to 5 the number of black bass which any contestant may take, catch or kill during the scheduled hours of any tournament and requiring that precautions be taken so that, if possible, all fish caught may be retained alive and, following the close of the tournament be released into the body from which they were taken; fixing the maximum total value of prizes which may be awarded at each tournament; and establishing a fee of \$25 for a license to conduct a tournament under this section.

Any club seeking approval to conduct a tournament pursuant to this section may make application to the commission in a manner and form to be designated by the commission. The application shall include the club's tournament rules and any amendments or changes thereto and a schedule of the dates, places and times of the proposed tournament.

The commissioner, following a determination that the club has complied with all rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section, may issue a permit to the applicant club authorizing the club to conduct the tournament. The commissioner may, in issuing a permit, require a club to comply with any specific restrictions or conditions as he shall deem necessary to effectuate the purpose of this section.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 388

AN ACT Concerning the Board of Registration in Medicine.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 3263, 2nd ¶, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

Members of said board shall receive annual salaries of ~~\$750~~ \$1,250 each, except the chairman, who shall receive ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,500 a year, and the secretary, who shall receive ~~\$5,000~~ \$7,500.