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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 5, 1994 to April 14, 1994

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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JULY 14, 1994

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Augusta, Maine
1993

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13062-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. NNN, §1, is amended to read:

5. Sunset; repeal. ~~Authorization for the~~ The Economic Conversion Division expires is eliminated and this section is repealed on July 1, 1995. The Office of Business Development shall provide its recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters concerning the need for extending authorization of the division.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13070-I, as amended by PL 1993, c. 182, §2, is further amended to read:

§13070-I. Sunset; repeal

~~Authorization for the~~ The commission expires is eliminated on December 1, 1993. In its final report, the commission shall provide its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the need for extending authorization for the commission.

This article is repealed December 1, 1993.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §929-B, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. MMM, §1, is amended to read:

6. Report. The council shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters. The council shall recommend its plan to the committee biennially at the beginning of each new Legislature, except that the first plan must be presented by January 1, ~~1994~~ 1995. The recommended plan must be used by the Economic Development and Business Assistance Coordinating Council as a guide to deliver economic development services.

Sec. 4. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13070-I applies retroactively to December 1, 1993.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 20, 1994.

CHAPTER 726

H.P. 1262 - L.D. 1689

An Act Requiring the Use of Logbooks by Lobster Harvesters

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6445 is enacted to read:

§6445. Logbooks for lobster harvesters

The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring any person holding a lobster and crab fishing license to maintain a logbook. The rules must indicate the type of data that must be recorded in the logbook, the manner for producing the logbooks and the method for analyzing data from the logbooks. The commissioner shall charge a fee for the logbook that is sufficient to recover all costs associated with the production of the logbook and the analysis of the data. Fees received by the department from the sale of logbooks are dedicated revenue and must be used by the department for the purposes of this section. The logbook and data analysis may be produced and conducted by the department or may be produced and conducted by a public or private entity under contract with the department. Disclosure of any data collected under this section is subject to the confidentiality provisions of section 6173.

Sec. 2. Initial funding for logbook. In fiscal year 1994-95, the Commissioner of Marine Resources may borrow from the Seed Lobster Fund such funds as are necessary for personnel and other related costs associated with the logbook requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6445. Such funds may be borrowed only for the purposes of funding those costs during the start-up phase of the logbook program. Any funds borrowed from the Seed Lobster Fund for these purposes must be reimbursed prior to June 30, 1995 from revenues derived from the sale of logbooks.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1994-95

**MARINE RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Bureau of Marine Sciences

Positions	(0.5)
Personal Services	\$17,315
All Other	6,500

Provides for the allocation of funds to authorize one 1/2-time Marine Specialist I position and general operating requests necessary to develop,

distribute, administer and analyze lobster logbook requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

TOTAL \$23,815

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 727

H.P. 1274 - L.D. 1718

An Act to Protect Maine Children from Child Pornography Contraband

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2923, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 628, §1, is amended to read:

3. Penalty. Dissemination of sexually explicit materials is a Class C crime, ~~except that any person convicted of this crime shall be sentenced by imprisonment for not less than 2 years. If the State pleads and proves a prior conviction under this section, then the crime is a Class B crime, except that any person convicted of this 2nd crime shall be sentenced by imprisonment for not less than 5 years. The court shall not suspend either minimum term of imprisonment unless it sets forth in detail, in writing, the reasons for suspending the sentence. The court shall consider the nature and circumstances of the crime, the physical and mental well being of the minor, the history and character of the defendant, and shall only suspend the minimum term if it is of the opinion that the exceptional features of the case justify the imposition of another sentence.~~

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2924 is enacted to read:

§2924. Possession of sexually explicit materials

1. Definitions. As used in this section, the term "sexually explicit conduct" means any of the following acts:

- A. Sexual act, as defined in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph C;
- B. Bestiality;
- C. Masturbation;
- D. Sadomasochistic abuse for the purpose of sexual stimulation;

E. Lewd exhibition of the unclothed genitals, anus or pubic area of a person. An exhibition is considered lewd if the depiction is designed for the purpose of eliciting or attempting to elicit a sexual response in the intended viewer; or

F. Conduct that creates the appearance of the acts in paragraphs A to D and also exhibits any uncovered or covered portions of the genitals, anus or pubic area.

2. Offense. A person is guilty of possession of sexually explicit material if that person intentionally or knowingly transports, exhibits, purchases or possesses any book, magazine, print, negative, slide, motion picture, videotape or other mechanically reproduced visual material that the person knows or should know depicts another person engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and:

A. The other person has not in fact attained the age of 14 years; or

B. The person knows or has reason to know that the other persons has not attained the age of 14 years.

3. Defense. It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person depicted was the spouse of the person possessing the sexually explicit material at the time the material was produced.

4. Age of person depicted. The age of the person depicted may be reasonably inferred from the depiction. Competent medical evidence or other expert testimony may be used to establish the age of the person depicted.

5. Penalty. Possession of sexually explicit material is a Class D crime. If the State pleads and proves a prior conviction under this section, the crime is a Class C crime.

6. Contraband. Any material that depicts a person who has not attained the age of 14 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct is declared to be contraband and may be seized by the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 728

H.P. 1312 - L.D. 1767

An Act to Establish the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund

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