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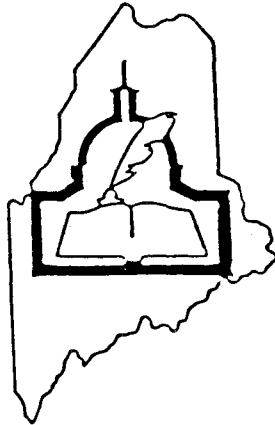
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
MARINE RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



JULY, 1985

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

SUMMARY:

The bill would have limited aquaculture leases to a single applicant to a maximum of 5 acres with no contiguous leases. The majority of the committee felt that this was an unreasonable restriction of aquacultural operations.

LD:

718

AN ACT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM LEGAL SIZE OF LOBSTERS

CROWLEY

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee  
SENATE Ref'd to Committee  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposes an increase in the minimum legal lobster size by 2/16ths of an inch over a four year period. The bill stipulated that the increase is conditional on parallel action by the states on New Hampshire and Massachusetts. At a large hearing in Rockport at the 1985 Fisherman's Forum, a substantial majority of those testifying opposed the increase on the grounds that the scientific evidence used to justify the increase was inconclusive and that the increase would impose serious economic burdens on the industry. The DMR strongly supported the increase. The committee ultimately voted to hold the bill for the 2nd Regular Session after rejecting an amendment by the sponsor to reduce the proposed increase to a single sixteenth of an inch. The committee will be undertaking a major review of the scientific literature on this subject during the interim (see LD 1620).

LD: 775  
ND of 255

AN ACT TO DEPUTIZE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE OFFICERS, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PERSONNEL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF OTHER STATES AS DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES MARINE PATROL OFFICERS AND TO DEFINE POSSESSION

CROWLEY  
VOSE  
RICE  
BROWN L

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 24

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 255. The bill extended the definition of "possession" in the context of marine resources law to hold employers responsible for what may be in the possession of their employees. The bill also allows the Commissioner (DMR) to deputize law enforcement personnel from federal agencies or other state governments and to authorize their assistance in the enforcement of marine resources laws. The specific laws would be designated by the Commissioner.