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An Act To Allow Storage of Lobster Traps on Docks

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative McKANE of Newcastle. Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOW of Waldoboro, HAMPER of Oxford, KRUGER of Thomaston, MacDONALD of Boothbay, OLSEN of Phippsburg, TILTON of Harrington, WEAVER of York, Senator: RECTOR of Knox.

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

2 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-II is enacted to read:

3 §480-II. Lobster trap storage on docks

The department may not, under this article, prohibit or regulate the storage of lobster
traps on docks. For the purposes of this section, "dock" means a dock, wharf, pier, quay
or other structure built on the shore or projected into a harbor and used as a landing,
storage, loading or unloading area for watercraft.

- 8 SUMMARY
- 9 This bill removes the Department of Environmental Protection's authority, under the 10 Natural Resources Protection Act, to regulate lobster trap storage on docks.