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House of Representatives, January 24, 2017

**An Act To Provide Flexibility in the Purchase of Lobster and Crab  
Trap Tags**

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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6431-F, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 239, §2, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, the following trap tag limits apply:

5 A. If the license holder was issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab  
6 fishing license for the first time after meeting the requirements of the apprentice  
7 program under section 6422, the license holder may not purchase more than 300 trap  
8 tags for the initial license year. For each following year, the license holder may  
9 purchase up to an increase of 100 trap tags each year as long as the total number  
10 purchased does not exceed the number of traps allowed under the lowest trap limit  
11 established by rule for the zones identified on that person's license pursuant to section  
12 6446, subsection 1-A; ~~and~~

13 C. If the license holder was issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab  
14 fishing license on appeal, the license holder may purchase for the initial license year a  
15 number of trap tags up to the number of trap tags purchased by the person for the  
16 most recent year in which the person held a license. For each following year, the  
17 license holder may purchase up to an increase of 100 trap tags each year as long as  
18 the total number purchased does not exceed the number of traps allowed under the  
19 lowest trap limit established by rule for the zones identified on that person's license  
20 pursuant to section 6446, subsection 1-A; and

21 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a holder of a Class I, Class II or  
22 Class III lobster and crab fishing license may purchase up to the maximum number of  
23 trap tags the license holder purchased under that license in any previous year.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill adds an exception to the lobster and crab fishing trap tag limits, allowing a  
26 holder of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license to purchase up to  
27 the maximum number of trap tags the license holder purchased under that license in any  
28 previous year.