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An Act To Prevent Marine Debris

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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 DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: BLUME of York, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6432-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§6432-B. Lobster bait packaging**

4 A person may not have in that person's possession on a vessel fishing for lobster or
5 crab any materials used to package lobster or crab bait for sale, including but not limited
6 to plastic wrapping and cardboard cartons. A person may not discard or abandon into any
7 waters any materials used to package lobster or crab bait for sale. A person who violates
8 this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$250 must be adjudged.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits a person on a vessel fishing for lobster or crab from having in that
11 person's possession materials used to package lobster or crab bait for sale, including the
12 plastic wrapping and cardboard cartons in which bait is sold. It also prohibits a person
13 from discarding or abandoning into any waters the materials used for packaging lobster
14 and crab bait for sale. Violation of this provision is a civil violation, with a fine of \$250.