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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Changes law regulating size limits of lobsters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/5/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning lobster fishing in State marine waters and
2 amending R.S.23:5-9.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.23:5-9 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:5-9. a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.57).

9 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.57).

10 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.57).

11 d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.57).

12 e. (1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,
13 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
14 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations providing for the taking
15 and management of the lobster of the genus and species *Homarus*
16 *americanus* in the State.

17 (2) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
18 regulate the lobster fishery in accordance with State policy as set
19 forth in section 2 of P.L.1979, c.199 (C.23:2B-2).

20 (3) The department shall prepare and issue an annual report on
21 the taking, management, and status of lobster in the State. Copies
22 of the report shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the Senate
23 Environment Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural
24 Resources Committee, or their successors as designated by the
25 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly,
26 respectively, and shall be made available to the public upon request.

27 (4) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
28 any limitation or restriction on the import, export, possession,
29 purchase, sale, or offer to purchase or sell lobsters based upon size
30 limits set for Lobster Management Areas identified by the
31 department shall apply only to lobsters taken from the marine
32 waters of the State.

33 (cf: P.L.2002, c.57, s.1)

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill amends current law authorizing the Department of
41 Environmental Protection to regulate the size limits of lobsters
42 caught for commercial and personal use by clarifying that these size
43 limits would apply only to lobsters taken from the marine waters of
44 the State.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.