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House of Representatives, March 14, 2017

An Act To Prohibit Stocking Fish in or Using Live Fish as Bait on Tributaries to State Heritage Fish Waters

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton. Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DUNPHY of Old Town, HARVELL of Farmington, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12461, sub-§§4 and 5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 21, §2, are further amended to read:
- 4 4. Stocking state heritage fish waters. The commissioner may not stock or issue a
 5 permit to stock fish in a lake or pond listed as a state heritage fish water under this section
 6 or in a tributary to such a lake or pond.
- Fishing restrictions. A person may not use live fish as bait or possess live fish to
 be used as bait on a lake or pond listed as a state heritage fish water under this section or
 on a tributary to such a lake or pond. A person who violates this subsection commits a
 Class E crime.
- 11 SUMMARY
- 12 This bill prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from stocking 13 fish in tributaries of state heritage fish waters and prohibits a person from using live fish 14 as bait on such a tributary.