

**§12664. Unlawful use of lead sinkers, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Bare lead jig" means an unpainted lead jig that contains lead and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length. [PL 2013, c. 372, §3 (NEW).]

B. "Lead sinker" means a device that contains lead that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended to sink the line and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

"Lead sinker" does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads. [PL 2013, c. 372, §3 (NEW).]

C. "Painted lead jig" means a painted lead jig that contains lead and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length. [PL 2023, c. 231, §2 (NEW).]

[PL 2023, c. 231, §2 (AMD).]

**2. Unlawful use.** This subsection governs the use of lead sinkers, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Use a lead sinker;
- (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, use a bare lead jig; or
- (3) Beginning September 1, 2026, use a painted lead jig. [PL 2023, c. 231, §2 (AMD).]

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [PL 2013, c. 372, §3 (NEW).]

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [PL 2013, c. 372, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2023, c. 231, §2 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2013, c. 372, §3 (NEW). PL 2023, c. 231, §2 (AMD).

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