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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS

Introduced By: Representatives Boylan, Cotter, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Knight, and McGaw

Date Introduced: February 02, 2024

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-7-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-7 entitled "Lobsters and
2 Other Crustaceans" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~20-7-15. Methods of taking blue crabs — Nonresidents. Taking of blue crabs.~~

4 Unless otherwise specified by regulation, no person shall take, or attempt to take, any blue
5 crabs from any of the waters in this state except by a scoop or crab net, trot, or ~~land~~ hand line.

6 Taking of blue crabs shall be restricted to residents of this state. ~~No person shall take blue crabs
7 from the waters of the state between the hours of sunset and sunrise.~~

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would amend the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during hours
2 of darkness. It would also clarify the title and change the incorrect terms of "land line" to the correct
3 "hand line".

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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