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**An Act To Allow a Person 65 Years of Age or Older To Fish with
Bait in any Inland Water**

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

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Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HARLOW of
Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, MALABY of Hancock, McCLELLAN of Raymond,
NELSON of Falmouth, TURNER of Burlington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12461, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 21, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **5. Fishing restrictions.** A person under 65 years of age may not use live fish as bait
5 or possess live fish to be used as bait on a lake or pond listed as a state heritage fish water
6 under this section. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

7 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12655, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §278
8 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

9 **1. Prohibition.** During times when fishing is limited by rule to the use of artificial
10 lures only, a person under 65 years of age may not use:

- 11 A. Live bait;
- 12 B. Dead bait; or
- 13 C. Chemically preserved natural or organic bait.

14 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12658, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
15 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

16 **1. Prohibition.** A person under 65 years of age may not troll a fly in inland waters
17 restricted to fly-fishing.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows a person 65 years of age or older to use live bait, dead bait or
20 chemically preserved natural or organic bait in inland waters restricted to artificial lures
21 and to troll a fly in inland waters restricted to fly-fishing only.