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### An Act To Repeal the Sunset on the Law Relating to the Landing of Dragged Crabs

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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland and

Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, President RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock,  
THIBODEAU of Waldo, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston,  
KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, MOULTON of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 78, §1,  
3 is amended to read:

4 **4. Exception.** A license is not required for a person:

5 A. To take or catch crabs with bare hands or hook and line; or

6 B. Who is issued a commercial fishing license under section 6501 to take, possess  
7 and sell crabs that have been taken as bycatch while using an otter trawl within the  
8 exclusive economic zone as shown on the most recently published Federal  
9 Government nautical chart. Crabs taken by otter trawl within the territorial waters  
10 must be liberated alive immediately.

11 ~~This subsection is repealed June 30, 2012.~~

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill eliminates the June 30, 2012 repeal date of the law that allows the taking or  
14 catching of crabs under certain circumstances, such as crabs taken as bycatch while using  
15 an otter trawl in a certain zone.