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By Mr. Harrison of Gloucester, petition of David E. Harrison for requiring persons licensed to take lobsters or crabs to display their buoy colors on any boats used in such taking. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT REQUIRING PERSONS LICENSED TO TAKE LOBSTER OR CRAB TO DISPLAY THEIR BUOY COLORS ON ANY BOAT USED IN SUCH TAKING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 38 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by chapter 642 of the acts of 1960, is  
3 hereby further amended by inserting after the fourth para-  
4 graph the following paragraph:—

5 No person shall set, raise or haul any trap unless the buoy  
6 attached to the trap has the color scheme or special marking  
7 set forth in his license, as hereinbefore provided, unless the  
8 person hauling, setting or raising such trap has written  
9 permission on his person at the time of the act from another  
10 person who is the rightful owner of the trap and who is duly  
11 licensed. Every person who fishes for lobsters or crabs from or  
12 with a boat shall display the current color or colors of his  
13 lobster or crab fishing trap buoys on the bow of his boat so as  
14 to be clearly visible from each side of the boat. The color or  
15 colors shall be painted on each side of the hull or upon panels  
16 attached to each side of the hull, or upon a single panel with  
17 both sides painted which is attached on top of the bow. Each  
18 color which appears on his buoys shall be displayed as a solid  
19 colored strip four inches high and eighteen inches long, each  
20 strip abutting another on the longest side, if more than one  
21 color, to form a rectangle or square. The rectangle or square

22 thus formed must have a black border all the way around at  
23 least one inch wide. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
24 this section, a person who fishes for lobsters or crabs may  
25 display his buoy colors as stated on his lobster and crab  
26 fishing license by mounting a buoy at least twelve inches in  
27 length with his color scheme thereon on said boat so that it  
28 will be clearly visible from each side. No person shall fish for  
29 lobsters or crabs, or set, haul or raise any lobster or crab trap,  
30 with or from any boat unless his current buoy colors are  
31 displayed on the boat as provided in this section. No person  
32 with or from any boat shall fish for lobsters or crabs, or set,  
33 haul or raise any lobster or crab trap which has a buoy  
34 attached thereto which buoy has any color thereon which is  
35 not at the time of the act displayed on the boat as provided  
36 in this section unless the person fishing, setting, hauling or  
37 raising such trap has written permission on his person at the  
38 time of the act from another person who is the rightful owner  
39 of the trap and who is duly licensed.

40 White and black are colors for the purposes of this sec-  
41 tion.