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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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A N A C T

RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS --  
BLUE CRABS

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Hopkins, J. Brien, Fascia,  
and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

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. 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 hand line. Taking~~  
6 ~~of blue crabs shall be restricted to residents of this state.~~

7 There shall be no limit, rules or regulations, restricting the harvesting of blue crabs in the  
8 state.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1 This act would eliminate any limits restricting the harvesting of blue crabs in the state.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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