

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4269**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 2018.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 488) of Bruce E. Tarr and Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to regulate the processing of lobsters, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2906) of James M. Cantwell and others for legislation to further regulate the processing of lobsters, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4269) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act further regulating the processing of lobsters.

*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 1. The director of the division of marine fisheries, in consultation with the  
2 commissioner of the department of fish and game, shall conduct a study of the current lobster  
3 fishery and provide a recommendation as to the advisability of enacting statutory and or  
4 regulatory changes to allow the processing of lobster parts for sale in the commonwealth. The  
5 study report and recommendation shall be submitted to the joint committee on environment,  
6 natural resources and agriculture and the house and senate committees on ways and means within  
7 6 months of enactment of this act.

8           The study shall include an economic and market analysis of potential impacts and  
9 benefits, assessment of potential state and federal law enforcement issues associated with a  
10 change in legislation or regulations, an assessment on the impacts of such changes on inter-  
11 jurisdictional fisheries management and a review and analysis of the potential biological and  
12 population dynamics of the American lobsters as a result of such changes.