

## Joint Committee on Agriculture

### Bill Summary

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**Bill Number:** H.131

**Title:** An Act to open the Massachusetts lobster fishery

**Sponsors:** Representative Kearney of Scituate

**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 01:00 PM, B-2

**Reporting Date:** Saturday, July 12, 2025

**Similar Matters:** None

#### **Prior History:**

2023-2024: Filed as H.837; Referred to the Joint Committee on Natural Resources; Discharged to the Joint Committee on Agriculture; Accompanied study order H.4522

2021-2022: Filed as H.952; Referred to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture; Accompanied study order H.5041

#### **CURRENT LAW:**

None

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill allows lobstermen and women with commercial lobstering permits to fish for lobster 12 months a year in state waters.