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Prisoners to process crab meat?

JESSUP, Md.: Prison inmates in Maryland may soon be crabby.

Owners of seafood processing plants say they can't get enough foreign workers to pick crabs.

Now, the state and the seafood industry are studying whether prisoners could process crab meat.

There aren't enough local workers to do the job. And Congress hasn't acted on requests to allow more temporary foreign workers for the seafood industry.

State officials say it would be legal to allow prisoners to be hired for the work.

But security and transportation issues still must be worked out.