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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1787, L.D. 1777, Bill,
"AN ACT to Clarify the Discharge Requirements for the Pro-
cessing of Certain Marine Resources."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and before the emergency clause and insert-
ing in its place the following:

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'38 MRSa §455 is enacted to read:

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§455. Sardine processing facilities

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1. Legislative purpose. The purpose of this section
is to provide a 2-year period during which effluent guide-
lines and control technologies for treatment of sardine
plant wastewater discharge may be evaluated and developed.

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2. Interim licenses. Notwithstanding any other provi-
sion of law, the department shall issue a wastewater dis-
charge license to any existing sardine processing facility,
whenever it finds that the facility:

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A. Employs proper housekeeping and management prac-
tices normally observed by prudent operators of similar
facilities, and efficient operation of all control
technology;

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B. Screens all process wastewaters except retort water
in a screening device with an efficiency equivalent to
that obtained from a number 30 standard sieve; and

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C. Separates oil in all oil-bearing wastewaters in a
gravity oil separator.

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Pending acceptance of the study required under subsection 3,
no license issued under this subsection may contain any
numerical effluent limitations, nor may any such license be
issued for a period of more than 2 years, except that noth-

1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1787, L.D. 1777

2 ing in this section may prevent the department from issuing
3 a license for longer than 2 years to a facility which has
4 installed treatment methods beyond those referred to in
5 paragraphs B and C.

6 3. Study. The commissioner, in cooperation with the
7 sardine industry, shall conduct a study of the Maine sardine
8 industry. This study shall consider:

9 A. Initiation of a program to ensure quality control
10 of industry monitoring data;

11 B. Other data necessary to establish effluent stan-
12 dards;

13 C. Current or proposed federal categorization and
14 effluent limitations for the sardine industry, and
15 their relation to practices in Maine; and

16 D. Determination of best practicable control technol-
17 ogy currently available for the sardine industry,
18 including the performance and availability of control
19 technology, the economic impact of the implementation
20 of this technology and any other issues deemed rele-
21 vant.

22 The commissioner shall submit this report to the joint
23 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
24 over marine resources by January 15, 1984.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This amendment provides for enforcement of applicable
27 state and federal waste discharge provisions for the sardine
28 industry.

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Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Marine Resources.
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