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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1836

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8 H. P. 1841 House of Representatives, January 14, 1982
9 Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for con-
currence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 AN ACT Regulating the Taking of
18 Mahogany Quahogs.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 12 MRSA §6731, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

22 3. Personal use exception. Any person may take or
23 possess no more than 3 bushels of mahogany quahogs for per-
24 sonal use in one day without a license.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill is designed to allow the harvesting of
27 mahogany quahogs for personal use, without a scallop li-

1 cense. Present law requires a person to hold a scallop li-
2 cense to harvest any amount of mahogany quahogs.

3 Although mahogany quahogs are generally harvested com-
4 mercially by dredge in subtidal areas, these quahogs may
5 occasionally become available for hand-harvesting after
6 washing up on beaches after severe storms. This bill per-
7 mits hand-harvesting of mahogany quahogs for personal use.
8 It should be noted that harvesting of mahogany quahogs for
9 personal use would also be exempted from municipal shellfish
10 licensing requirements pursuant to Title 12, section 6671,
11 as Title 12, section 6601, subsection 6 specifically
12 excludes mahogany quahogs from the definition of "shell-
13 fish."

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