

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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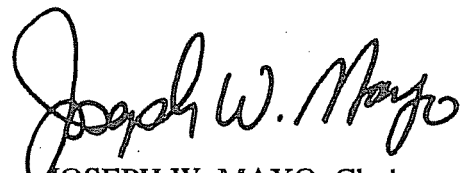
No. 1785

H.P. 1323

House of Representatives, January 25, 1994

### **An Act Concerning Alewives.**

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HEINO of Boothbay, SKOGLUND of St. George, Senators:  
CAHILL of Sagadahoc, GOULD of Waldo.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6131, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL  
1981, c. 433, §3, is amended to read:

6 **3. Closed period in rivers and streams not under lease**  
7 **agreement.** In any river or stream not managed under a lease  
8 agreement, there is a 24-hour ~~72-hour~~ closed period on the taking  
9 of alewives and obstruction of the watercourse to allow the free  
10 passage of fish from 6 a.m. on ~~Saturday~~ Thursday to 6 a.m. the  
11 following Sunday.

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

15 The purpose of this bill is to conserve the declining  
16 stocks of alewives on streams that are open to general commercial  
17 fishing.

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24 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
25 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
26 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.