

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 370

House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act To Assist Individuals To Obtain a Permit To Grow and Sell
Water Spinach**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, Senators:
MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 417** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 417**

4 **WATER SPINACH**

5 **§2431. Information on water spinach permitting**

6 The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall provide information
7 about the proper process for obtaining a permit from the United States Department of
8 Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to individuals seeking to grow
9 and sell Ipomoea aquatica Forssk, commonly referred to as water spinach.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to
12 provide information about the proper process for obtaining a federal permit to individuals
13 seeking to grow and sell water spinach in Maine.