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In Senate, February 25, 2025

An Act to Assert State Ownership over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles and Submerged Lands and Marine Resources up to 24 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast and to Direct the Attorney General to Study That Ownership

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and

Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington,

Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 **CONCEPT DRAFT** 3 **SUMMARY** 4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. 5 This bill would exert the State's ownership and jurisdiction over all waters within the rise and fall of the tide seaward 12 nautical miles and all submerged lands and the 6 7 harvesting of marine resources from the coastline for a distance of 24 nautical miles. The 8 bill would also require the Office of the Attorney General to study the legal issues regarding 9 state ownership and sovereignty over marine resources beyond the 12-nautical-mile 10 territorial sea limit.