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**An Act to Remove Certain Wharves and Piers from the Laws
Governing the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Land**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, HEPLER of Woolwich, RIELLY of
Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1132, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 671, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **11. Working waterfront land.** "Working waterfront land" means a parcel of land, or
5 a portion thereof, that fully or partially abuts water to the head of tide or land located in the
6 intertidal zone that is used primarily or used predominantly to provide access to or support
7 the conduct of commercial fishing activities. ~~"Working waterfront land" also includes a~~
8 ~~wharf or pier used primarily or used predominantly by persons engaged in commercial~~
9 ~~fishing activities that include, including, but not limited to, berthing and storage of a boat~~
10 ~~and the location of small fishing houses for commercial fishing gear~~ maintenance and
11 storage of commercial fishing gear. For purposes of this subchapter, a parcel is deemed to
12 include a unit of real estate notwithstanding the fact that it is divided by a road, way,
13 railroad or pipeline.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill amends the definition of "working waterfront land" in the laws governing the
16 current use valuation of working waterfront land by removing from the definition wharves
17 and piers used primarily or used predominantly by persons engaged in commercial fishing
18 activities.