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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary. Presented by Senator Harvey of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Leases of Rights to Take Sea Moss.

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

R. S., c. 2, § 25, amended. Section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 25. Leases of right to take kelp and sea moss on submerged lands. The power to lease the right to gather and harvest kelp east of 69 degrees 45 minutes west longitude, and sea moss west of 69 degrees 45 minutes west longitude, on the submerged lands and reefs within the jurisdiction of the state, seaward of mean low water mark, and east of 69 degrees 45 minutes west longitude, is hereby vested in the governor and council who shall have authority to make leases to such persons and upon such terms and for such length of time except as hereinafter limited, as they may prescribe. No lease shall be executed for a period of over 30 years, but any lease executed as herein provided may be renewed by the lessee for a further period to be fixed by the parties. The rental to be paid to the state for these rights shall be not less than \$3 per year per square mile of territory covered by said lease and shall be determined by the governor and council. The lessee shall file with the secretary of state a plot showing the location of the territory desired to be leased with the boundaries located thereon.'