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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 100th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 704, L. D. 982, Bill, "An Act Relating to Digging Clams in the Towns of Cushing, Friendship and Thomaston."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the clam industry is one of the most important industries in Maine: and

Whereas, in order to prevent the depletion of one of our natural resources in certain areas of the State the following legislation is most important; and

Whereas, in the best interest of conservation the following legislation should become effective immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of the 8th line the following underlined sentence: 'Each town shall issue licenses to its residents and may fix the fees therefor.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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