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**Legislative Document**

**No. 713**

H. P. 539

House of Representatives, January 27, 1965

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Harvey of Woolwich.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Type of Dredge to Dig Clams in Town of Phippsburg.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is a scarcity of clam diggers in and around Phippsburg because of low prices; and

Whereas, a segment of the clam industry is threatened because of lack of work; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to better the economy of one of Maine's essential industries; 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,

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 4352, sub-§ 5, additional.** Section 4352 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 5, to read as follows:

**‘5. Hydraulic or mechanical dredges excepted in Town of Phippsburg.** This section does not apply to any hydraulic or mechanical dredge operated solely within the Town of Phippsburg, provided that the operation is a part of the town shellfish management program and provided permission to operate the dredge is

obtained from the municipal officers of the Town of Phippsburg. The town shall be authorized to charge a fee of \$20 for a license to operate said unit and assess a tax of 10c per bushel of soft shell clams harvested during the period of a state-approved management program.'

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