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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 541

H. P. 414

House of Representatives, February 3, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Increase the License Fee and Limit the Number of Marine
Worm Digger's Licenses Issued.**

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4301-A, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 4 of section 4301-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 59 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

A. The fee for the license is ~~\$10~~ \$25 which the applicant shall submit with his application.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 4301-A, sub-§ 4, ¶ B, additional. Subsection 4 of section 4301-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 59 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new paragraph B to read as follows:

B. License limitation. Commencing on January 1, 1972, marine worm digger's licenses will only be issued to a person who held such a license during the calendar year 1971. If in any year the requests for a marine worm digger's license should drop below 1,000, the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries shall advertise this fact in newspapers having state-wide circulation between the dates of December 15th and December 31st. He shall state the number of licenses which will be issued to bring the total to 1,000 and may issue this amount for the following year on a first come basis. Any person who fails to renew his digger's license in any calendar year prior to December 15th shall forfeit his right to obtain a license in any succeeding year unless he qualifies under the commissioner's advertisement as outlined in this paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act would, over a period of time, reduce the number of marine worm digger's licenses to 1,000 and maintain that amount. It would also increase the license fee from the present \$10 to \$25 to take care of the loss of revenue by such reduction of licenses.