

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 105TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H. P. 559, L. D. 735, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Marine Worm Tax."

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

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

Whereas, difficulty has arisen concerning the enforcement of the weights and measures law as it applies to marine worms; and

Whereas, in order to ensure that packages of marine worms will contain the amounts they are stated to contain, it is necessary to have certain packaging requirements in the law; and

Whereas, such packaging requirement should be effective for the 1971 season; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to protect those who purchase marine worms; 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 inserting before the Statement of Fact the following:

'<u>Emergency clause</u>. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

(Filing No. H- 191)

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make the bill an emergency measure.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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