

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
105TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S. P. 474, L. D. 1494, Bill,  
"AN ACT Regulating Catching Lobsters for Noncommercial Home  
Consumption Use."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting  
in place thereof the following:

'AN ACT Regulating Catching Scallops for Noncommercial  
Home Consumption Use.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after  
the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R.S., T. 12, § 4002, sub-§ 1-A, additional. Section 4002  
of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of  
chapter 337 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by  
adding a new subsection 1-A to read as follows:

1-A. Exception. It is lawful for any person to fish for  
or take scallops from the coastal waters of the State between the  
15th day of April and the 31st day of the following October, of  
each year, providing he does not take or possess more than 2  
bushels of scallops in the shell in any one day, nor more than  
4 quarts of shucked scallops for his own or his family's  
consumption.'

Statement of Fact

The present closed season from April 15 to October 31,  
inclusive, is not based on biological knowledge of scallop  
reproduction. It restricts scalloping during summer months, the

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season most attractive for taking scallops by scuba diving. The open season now in effect, November 1st to April 15th, represents the most dangerous time of the year for divers to venture out into the chilling 34 degree ocean water in quest of scallops for home consumption. Passage of this amendment would greatly increase the safety factor on behalf of scuba divers.

The amendment of the closed season would permit year-round scalloping by scuba divers and others. Since most commercial scalloping is done by offshore boats, there would be little overlap of the areas of commercial and scuba scalloping.

Proposed by Senator:  
(Bernard)

NAME:

COUNTY: Androscoggin

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