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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Permit Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Suspend
   Licenses for Violations of Private and Special Laws and Assault on Coastal
   Wardens.

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

   R. S., T. 12, § 3752, sub-§ 2, amended.   Subsection 2 of section 3752 of
Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

   2.   Length of period of suspension.   On conviction of a violation of any
provision of chapters 401 to 417, except as provided in subsection 1, or any
regulation pertaining to sea and shore fisheries, or any private and special
law enforced by this department, or any provisions under Title 17, sections
2952 and 2953 enforced by this department, the commissioner may suspend
any and all of the offender's licenses and permits, and his right to obtain
any and all such licenses and permits issued by the commissioner of Sea and
Shore Fisheries as follows.

STATEMENT OF FACT

   The Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries now has no authority to
suspend any license or permit issued by him for violations of any private and
special law.   Title 17, sections 2952 and 2953 are sections used for assault
on, or interference with, or obstructing a coastal warden in the legal per-
formance of his duties.   To include this in the commissioner's authority
would give him the base necessary to control any extenuating violations.