

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1305**

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H. P. 1026

House of Representatives, March 20, 1975

Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Prohibiting Municipalities from Excluding Nonresident Maine Citizens from Obtaining Local Shellfish Digging Licenses and Authorizing Municipalities to Charge Higher Fees to Nonresident Maine Citizens for those Licenses.**

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

12 MRSA § 4252, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

The ordinance may provide limitations on the amount of clams, quahogs and mussels which may be taken within the municipality, and may provide that municipal licenses be required for the taking of any such species within the municipality, and may determine the qualifications for the license, including residence requirements, and may fix the license fees, **except no town may specifically exclude nonresident Maine citizens, but may require an additional, reasonable fee from such nonresident Maine citizens.**

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to preclude coastal towns from setting residency requirements that restrict the digging of clams to residents only. This bill would require that the towns make some provision for nonresident Maine citizens but would allow a higher fee.