

# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

## No. 1346

H. P. 1066 House of Representatives, March 24, 1975 On Motion of Mr. Drigotas of Auburn, referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington. Cosponsors: Mrs. Post of Owls Head, Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth, and Mrs. Byers of Newcastle.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

# AN ACT to Exempt Fuels used for Commercial Fishing from the State Sales Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 9-B is enacted to read:

9-B. Diesel fuels used by commercial fishing vessels. Sales of all diesel fuels used by commercial fishing vessels.

#### FISCAL NOTE

Passage of this Act would bring an estimated loss of revenue to the State of \$58,000.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The rapidly escalating costs of fuel oil is a principal expense in commercial fishing operations. This exemption would provide some relief to over 400 Maine fishing vessels that are now caught between rising fuel and operating costs and stable or declining revenues from fishing.