

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1623

H. P. 1337

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Except from the Definition of Employee in the Workmen's Compensation Law Persons Engaged in Commercial Fishing - Related Activities while Engaged in Work Ashore.

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

39 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 5, ¶ A, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Persons engaged in commercial fishing-related activities while engaged in work ashore.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to exempt persons who may be employees on a fishing vessel from the provisions of the workmen's compensation law. The special session of the 106th Legislature required employers to pay workmen's compensation on one or more employees. Inasmuch as the Federal Maritime Law covers employees of fishing vessels while on the water, it has been determined by the Industrial Accident Commission that employers of individuals working on fishing boats only have to pay on that percentage of time worked on land. Since it is almost impossible to determine such information for rate purposes, and since the Federal Workmen's Compensation Law may soon cover those working in fishing-related activities on shore, it is desirable to exempt persons engaged in commercial fishing-related activities from the present law.