

## (EMERGENCY)

# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

No. 1110

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## Legislative Document

H. P. 914 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

#### AN ACT Relating to Tuna Fishing.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the tuna fishing season will begin before this Act becomes effective, unless it is enacted as an emergency; and

Whereas, a licensing structure for tuna fishing is necessary to permit adequate regulation of one of Maine's marine resources; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

12 MRSA § 4152 is enacted to read:

§ 4152. Tuna fishing license; resident and nonresident

It is unlawful for any person to fish for, take, possess, transport or sell tuna fish unless he has a current written license from the commissioner.

1. Resident license. The fee for a resident tuna fishing license is \$10.

2. Nonresident license. The fee for a nonresident tuna fishing license is \$50.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a tuna fishing license structure. The resident fee is \$10 and the nonresident fee is \$50.

The resident license fee is new. The nonresident fee is a reduction from \$200 which was a nonproductive action introduced in 1976.