

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1140**

H. P. 945

House of Representatives, March 22, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Closing Certain Clamming Areas to Wormers or Worm Diggers.**

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

**Worm digging in Islesboro.** The provisions of Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapters 401 through 417 notwithstanding the exclusive rights to set aside clam flats within the Town of Islesboro and exempt these clam flats from worm digging, shall be optional with the town.

The town, at its annual meeting, may determine by vote whether certain clam flats shall be set aside and exempted from worm digging; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with good conservation practices, to govern times when, the manner in which and what clam flats shall be set aside and exempted from worm digging.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the Town of Islesboro and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerk of that town and the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

If, in any year, the town fails to act as provided for, the digging of worms shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the State.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would grant to the Town of Islesboro the right to close clam flats within the town to worm digging and to regulate worm digging. If the town fails to make any regulations in any one year, the general laws of the State shall apply.