

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

**Legislative Document**

**No. 241**

H. P. 192

House of Representatives, January 31, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

Cosponsors: Mr. Leonard of Woolwich, Mr. Bowden of Brooklin, Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Establish a Two-inch Minimum Size for Soft-shell Clams.**

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

12 MRSA § 6862 is enacted to read:

**§ 6862. Size of soft-shell clams**

**It shall be unlawful for any person, to sell, process, ship, transport or serve, in the wholesale or retail trade, soft-shell clams which are less than 2 inches in the longest diameter.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a 2-inch minimum size for soft-shell clams. This minimum is enforced against wholesale or retail dealers, rather than against diggers or consumers. The general penalties of the marine resources laws would make violation a Class D crime.