

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1490

H. P. 1245

House of Representatives, March 28, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

Cosponsors: Mr. Fowlie of Rockland, Mr. Cloutier of South Portland and Mr. Bowden of Brooklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Authorize Per Diem for Members of an Advisory Committee or Panel  
of the New England Regional Fisheries Management Council.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 12 MRSA § 6022, sub-§ 13 is enacted to read:

**13. Per diem for members of advisory committee or panel of NERFMC. The commissioner may pay \$50 per diem to any person appointed to an advisory committee or panel of the New England Regional Fisheries Management Council for each day spent in attending any council meeting, advisory committee or panel meeting or in undertaking any other official council business. The commissioner shall adopt regulations to govern this section.**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$8,100	\$10,800

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to pay per diem to state residents who advise the New England Regional Fisheries Management Council. The council has authority to make decisions that are extremely important to Maine's fishing industry. In making these decisions, the council commonly creates advisory panels of industry members to give advice and counsel to the council. It is critical that Maine be adequately represented on these advisory councils. This bill will alleviate the hardship of serving in this capacity and will insure that Maine's voice is heard in the formulation of fisheries' policy.