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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1815

H. P. 1710

House of Representatives, January 17, 1980

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Amend the Law Dealing with the Identity of Fish Produced by Aquaculture.

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

12 MRSA § 7201, sub-§ 3, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. All fish sold under this section shall be identified with the name and address of the source of the fish in a manner approved by the commissioner. No person may offer for sale any commercially grown or imported fish that is not so identified.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish labelling requirements for commercially grown or imported fish. This will permit the commissioner to determine whether this fish should be packaged, labelled with plastic tags or identified in any other way. Requiring the grower to package fish is an economic hardship that can be avoided by use of plastic identification tags which are readily available.