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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1192, L.D. 1416, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to the Maine Sardine Council."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the last underlined sentence before the Statement of Fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Meetings and records of the council are subject to Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1, except all council records containing tax records filed in accordance with section 4697, including individual plant pack data; quality control information and inspection records compiled pursuant to section 4699, subsection 2, paragraph C, and Title 32, sections 4155, 4156 and 4157-A; and any other proprietary information obtained from individual processing plants, including information concerning packing technology, shall be confidential.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment revises the bill to provide necessary confidentiality protection to <sup>the Maine</sup> Sardine Council's records containing tax records and proprietary information from individual sardine processing plants. Disclosure of these records to the public would infringe upon the confidential nature of such records and cause serious disadvantages to individual sardine processors in the competitive market.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.  
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