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	1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
	5 6	Legislative Document No. 183
	7 8	H.P. 158 House of Representatives, January 13, 1983
	9	Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
	10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
	11	Presented by Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.
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	14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
	15	NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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	17 18 19	AN ACT to Increase the Sardine Inspection Tax.
	20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
	22 23	32 MRSA §4156, first \P , as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §16, is further amended to read:
	24	Each packer shall pay monthly, not later than the
	25	10th day of each month, 8¢ per case on the amount of
	26	sardines packed during the previous month, toward the
	27	cost of maintaining the inspection provided for in
	28 29	section 4155 and as a part of the fee for obtaining and retaining his license. The inspection fee pro-
	30	vided for may be increased by the Commissioner of
	31	Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in a manner
	32	consistent with the rule-making provisions of the
	33	Maine Administrative Procedure Act, after consulta-
	34	tion with the Maine Sardine Council to an amount not

to exceed 12¢ 20¢ per case, in the event the fee of 8¢ per case is not adequate to cover the cost of the inspection, but the increased fee shall be reasonable and shall cover as nearly as may be possible the cost of the inspection. All license fees and all money received under this chapter by the commissioner shall be paid by him to the Treasurer of State and the same are hereby appropriated for carrying out this chapter, and for no other purpose.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for an increase in the sardine inspection tax as needed, to take into account the higher cost of the sardine inspection due primarily to increased salaries for inspectors.

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