

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 227

House of Representatives, January 25, 1983

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9 Committee on Marine Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule
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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Sardine Law.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4155, 4th ¶, as amended by PL
22 1975, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

23 Every holder of a license issued under section
24 4153 shall, as a condition of licensure, employ and
25 utilize an inspector at all times that sardines are
26 being packed. The inspector shall ensure that
27 sardines are packed and graded in conformity with all
28 applicable laws and regulations. The commissioner
29 shall employ subordinate supervisory inspectors, suf-
30 ficient in numbers, so that adequate supervision of
31 inspection can be performed. It shall be the duty of
32 said inspectors the supervisors to make adequate and
33 uniform and impartial inspection of all the places,
34 shops and factories in the State, wherever sardines

1 are packed for sale, and for this purpose ~~such~~
2 ~~inspectors~~ these supervisors shall have free access,
3 ingress and egress at all reasonable hours to any
4 sardine packing plant, may open any case or container
5 and may, upon tendering the market price, take
6 samples therefrom. The inspectors shall give full
7 cooperation to the supervisors in the performance of
8 their duties.

9 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
10 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
11 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
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13	<u>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL</u>	
14	<u>RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
15	Bureau of Public Services	
16	Positions	(3) (3)
17	Personal Services	\$74,850 \$78,338
18	Supervisory	
19	Inspector	
20	Sardine Grading	
21	Supervisor	
22	Sardine Grader	

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 Under the Maine Sardine Law, Title 32, sections
25 4151 to 4161, every sardine packer must pay a monthly
26 fee which is used to underwrite the cost of state
27 inspection. That fee is, at present, statutorily set
28 not to exceed 12¢ per case of sardines packed. That
29 rate is insufficient to cover inspection costs.
30 Rather than increase the fee, thereby placing a sub-
31 stantial burden on packers, this bill institutes a
32 pilot program which requires each packer to employ a
33 qualified inspector for grade and quality control.
34 The department would employ 2 supervisors to oversee
35 the level of inspection and ensure compliance with

1 the law. These supervisors will be paid from General
2 Fund moneys rather than the fund generated by fees.
3 General Fund money is also allocated to pay labora-
4 tory personnel for grading and analysis. Should the
5 program prove successful, the fee account will be
6 repealed.

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