

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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5 Legislative Document

No. 528

7 S.P. 173

In Senate, February 1, 1983

8 Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 1, 1983. Referred to
9 the Committee on Marine Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

Cosponsors: Representative Cahill of Woolwich, Representative Scarpino
of St. George and Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

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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 License the Harvest of
18 Seaweeds.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§38-A is enacted to
23 read:

24 38-A. Seaweed. "Seaweed" means all marine
25 algae.

26 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6801, as amended by PL 1981, c.
27 480, §7, is further amended to read:

28 § 6801. Seaweed license

29 1. License required. It shall be unlawful for
30 any person to engage in the activities authorized by

1 this license under this section without a current sea
2 mess seaweed license or other license issued under
3 this Part authorizing the activities.

4 2. Licensed activity. The holder of a sea mess
5 seaweed license may take sea mess attached seaweed or
6 may possess, ship, transport or sell sea mess
7 attached seaweed that he has harvested for commercial
8 purposes.

9 3. Eligibility. A sea mess seaweed license shall
10 only be issued to an individual.

11 4. Fees. Fees for a sea mess seaweed license
12 shall be:

13 A. \$13 for a resident; and

14 B. \$25 for a nonresident.

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16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This bill is intended to create uniform licensing
18 of attached seaweed harvested for commercial purposes
19 so that the department may gather data concerning the
20 extent of seaweed harvesting in Maine. The commis-
21 sioner requires such information in order to aid in
22 conservation of this resource, which provides a habi-
23 tat for juvenile fish of several species.

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