

# 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. 563

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7 H.P. 461

House of Representatives, February 7, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources, sent up for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Perkins of Brooksville.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Zirnkilton of Mount Desert, Senator Perkins  
of Hancock and Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

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 Protect Underwater Electric  
18 Cables and to Increase the Penalties for  
19 Violations.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6402-A is enacted to read:

24 §6402-A. Suspension based on conviction of fishing  
25 in cable area

26 The commissioner shall suspend all licenses and  
27 certificates issued under this Part, of any person  
28 convicted in court of violating section 6726. This  
29 suspension shall be for one year from the date of  
30 conviction.

31 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6726 is enacted to read:

1     §6726. Cable areas

2             1. Prohibition. It shall be unlawful to fish  
3 for or take scallops by any method in the following  
4 areas:

5             A. Within 250 yards of either side of the under-  
6 water cable extending from Lopaus Point in  
7 Tremont to Macherel Cove in Swan's Island; and

8             B. Within 250 yards of either side of the under-  
9 water cable extending from Duck Cove in Swan's  
10 Island to Lunt Harbor in Frenchboro.

11                             STATEMENT OF FACT

12             The underwater electric cable between Frenchboro  
13 and Swan's Island was broken by a scallop dragger in  
14 December, 1982. The Town of Frenchboro had no elec-  
15 tricity for 4 days. This bill expands the area near  
16 cables in which dragging is prohibited, and estab-  
17 lishes a one-year mandatory license suspension for  
18 persons who violate the provisions.

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