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	(New Draft	of H.P.	461, L.D.	563)
	FIRS	ST REGULAR	R SESSION	
	ONE HUNDRED	AND ELEVE	ENTH LEGISL	ATURE
Legislative	e Document			No. 1405
H.P. 1073		Но	use of Represen	tatives, April 6, 1983
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	AN ACT to Pro ables and to		the Penalt	
Be it en	nacted by the	e People o	of the Stat	e of Maine as
Sec.	1. 12 MRSA	§6402-A	is enacted	to read:
§6402-A.	Suspension in cable a		on convicti	on of dragging
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- 1 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6524, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 2 661, §5, is repealed.
- 3 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6954 is enacted to read:
- 4 §6954. Dragging in cable area

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- 1. Violation. It is unlawful to use any drag or trawl along the seabed in any waters that are identified or marked as underwater cable or pipeline areas on the most recently published United States Government nautical chart.
- 2. Penalty. Any person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, payable to the State, to be recovered in a civil action.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft makes several changes to the original bill. First, it limits license suspensions for dragging in a cable area to a mandatory suspension of the license authorizing the activity in which the person was engaged at the time of the violation. other words, if a person dragged in a cable area while scallop dragging, he would lose his scallop license. The current provision related to dragging cable areas is in the chapter on finfish. The new draft moves it to a chapter on general prohibited ac-24 tivities, to make it clear that it applies to types of dragging. Finally, the bill provides for civil penalties for violations with minimum fines \$1,000 for each violation.

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