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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1501, L.D. 1975,
Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Possession of Soft-shell Clam
Stocks 2 Inches or Greater in the Largest Diameter."

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Amend the bill in section 6 in that part design-
ated "§6681." by striking out all of subsection 1
and inserting in its place the following:

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'1. Purpose. The Legislature finds that the
best economic use of the state's shellfish resource
may be enhanced by a 2-inch minimum size limit on
possession of soft-shell clam shell stock in combina-
tion with other management programs.'

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Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part
designated "§6681." in subsection 4 by striking out
all of the first underlined sentence (page 4, lines
23 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the fol-
lowing:

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'Any person may possess soft-shelled clams that are
less than 2 inches if beginning in the calendar year
1985 they comprise less than 5% of any bulk pile.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to allow 5% of any bulk pile of soft-shell claims to fall below the 2-inch limit. The 5% limit provides adequate economic assurance to diggers who may operate on a state-wide basis.

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