

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1830

House of Representatives, April 6, 1984

Submitted pursuant to PL 1983, c. 592, subsection 1.

Reported by Representative Crowley from the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Public Law 1983, chapter 592, subsection 1 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

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RESOLVE, Relating to Wastewater Treatment  
and Water Classification of Sardine Plants.

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine sardine industry is an important employer and producer of revenue for the State; and

Whereas, the wastewater discharge of a sardine plant cannot, even with the best practical treatment, be brought into compliance with certain state and federal laws regarding wastewater treatment and water classification; and

Whereas, the sardine plants in Maine may be forced to close down if the present state and federal

1 laws regarding wastewater treatment and water classi-  
2 fication are not modified; and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
4 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
5 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
6 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
7 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 Report of Department of Environmental Protection  
10 on sardine wastewater. Resolved: That the Department  
11 of Environmental Protection shall issue wastewater  
12 discharge licenses based on the conclusions and rec-  
13 ommendations of the report of the Department of Envi-  
14 ronmental Protection conducted in cooperation with  
15 the Maine Sardine Council and the sardine industry as  
16 to the best practical treatment and effluent  
17 guideline limitation numbers for sardine processing;  
18 and be it further

19 Petition to United States Environmental Protec-  
20 tion Agency. Resolved: That, in as much as these  
21 conclusions and recommendations are less stringent  
22 than the United States Environmental Protection Agen-  
23 cy guidelines for sardine processing, it is necessary  
24 to petition the United States Environmental Protec-  
25 tion Agency for modification of its existing guide-  
26 lines. The Maine Sardine Council, a state agency,  
27 will be the primary petitioner and shall be joined in  
28 all phases of the petition presentation by the De-  
29 partment of Environmental Protection; and be it fur-  
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31 Imposition or enforcement of treatment standards.  
32 Resolved: That the Legislature requests that, during  
33 the United States Environmental Protection Agency pe-  
34 tition review process, the United States Environmen-  
35 tal Protection Agency not impose or enforce treatment  
36 standards more stringent than those recommended in  
37 the study report.

38 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
39 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when  
40 approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this resolve is reflected in the  
3 emergency preamble.

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