

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 487

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7 H.P. 367

House of Representatives, February 8, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.
Cosponsored by Representative Conners of Franklin.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Require Environmental Impact
18 Studies Prior to the Granting of an
19 Aquaculture Lease.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

24 6-A. Environmental impact study. Prior to
25 granting any aquaculture lease, the commission shall
26 conduct an environmental impact study to insure that
27 any potentially negative environmental impact caused
28 by the proposed lease is minimized and to provide in-
29 formation if any environmental concerns arise con-
30 cerning the proposed lease.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to require an envi-
3 ronmental impact study before any aquaculture lease
4 is granted. This bill would keep the negative impact
5 of aquaculture operations on both the environment and
6 competing fisheries to a minimum. It will also pro-
7 vide base-line information for the long-term study of
8 the impact of aquaculture on both the environment and
9 traditional fisheries.

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