

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. 746

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7 H.P. 526

House of Representatives, February 27, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Nadeau of Saco.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Danton of York and Representative Descoteaux
of Biddeford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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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 Authorize the Exhibition of Piranha
18 Fish.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 707, sub-c. VII, first 4
23 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their
24 place:

25 SUBCHAPTER VII

26 POSSESSING, BREEDING, EXHIBITING

27 PURCHASING, SELLING, IMPORTING AND

28 TRANSPORTING OF WILD ANIMALS, WILD BIRDS AND FISH

29 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7243 is enacted to read:

30 §7243. Piranha

1 1. Permits. The commissioner may issue permits
2 to import and possess live piranha to operators of
3 public aquariums.

4 2. Applications. An application for a permit
5 under this section shall be on a form prepared and
6 furnished by the commissioner and shall contain the
7 following information:

8 A. The name and address of the applicant;

9 B. The location of the public aquarium;

10 C. Number of piranha to be imported;

11 D. The name and address of the seller;

12 E. Such certification as the commissioner may
13 establish certifying that the piranha show no ev-
14 idence of disease; and

15 F. Such other information as the commissioner
16 may require.

17 3. Restriction. No person who possesses a permit
18 issued under this section may:

19 A. Import or possess more than 10 piranha; or

20 B. Breed, sell or offer for sale any piranha.

21 4. Inspections. The department shall, at least
22 once annually, inspect any aquarium possessing a per-
23 mit under this section to determine if the permittee
24 is in compliance with this section. The permittee
25 shall, at the time of inspection or prior to any in-
26 spection, account for all piranha which he is permit-
27 ted to possess under this section.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to allow the display
3 of piranha in public aquariums. The bill allows up
4 to 10 piranha per permit to be imported and dis-
5 played. The bill also provides for annual inspection
6 of all permittees and prohibits the sale or breeding
7 of piranha.

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