

# 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. 901

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7 H.P. 633

House of Representatives, March 1, 1985

8 Speaker laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Business  
9 and Commerce. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.

Cosponsored by Representative Holloway of Edgecomb.

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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 Require Final Usage Labeling for  
18 all Surimi Products.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA c. 629 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 629

24 SURIMI or SURIMI PRODUCTS

25 §6971. Definitions

26 As used in this chapter, unless the context oth-  
27 erwise indicates, the following terms have the fol-  
28 lowing meanings.

29 1. Surimi. "Surimi" means an intermediate raw  
30 material consisting of a semiprocessed, wet fish pro-  
31 tein or fish paste, from which a variety of finished  
32 products are derived, including, but not limited to,

1 chikuwa, kamaboko, date-maki, tsumire, fish sausages,  
2 fish hams and other related products.

3 §6972. Labeling of food products containing surimi

4 No food product may be sold in this State con-  
5 sisting of or containing surimi unless the packaging  
6 containing the food product is conspicuously labeled  
7 with the word "surimi" or "kamaboko" or unless the  
8 name of the product conspicuously contains the word  
9 "surimi" or "kamaboko" as listed on the packaging.

10 §6973. Serving food containing surimi

11 No food containing surimi or a surimi product may  
12 be served in any eating establishment in the State  
13 whether for consumption on or off the premises, un-  
14 less the menu and all notices advertising that food  
15 conspicuously indicates that surimi or a surimi  
16 product was used in the food.

17 §6974. Violations

18 A violation of this chapter is a civil violation  
19 for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 may be ad-  
20 judged.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 Surimi is a seafood product processed in such a  
23 manner as to either appear or taste as a different  
24 seafood product. This bill requires that all  
25 products containing surimi be labeled as such.

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