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H.P. 686 House of Representatives, March 8, 1985

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

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Cosponsored by Senator Chalmers of Knox, Representative Vose of Eastport and Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

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

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AN ACT to Clarify the Laws of the Department
of Marine Resources.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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PL 1981, c. 480, §16, as amended by PL 1983, c. 824, Pt. K, sub-pt. 3, is repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 In 1981, the Legislature enacted fee increases
3 for various licenses issued by the Department of Ma-
4 rine Resources. In doing so, the Legislature wished
5 to assure that the revenues so raised would be used
6 by the department for enforcement work undertaken by
7 the Bureau of Marine Patrol. The Legislature pro-
8 vided that the Act by which the fee increases were
9 put into effect would be repealed by January 1, 1985,
10 unless the Commissioner of the Department of Marine
11 Resources demonstrated that the revenues had been
12 used for those purposes. The Legislature finds that
13 the commissioner has so demonstrated and that the re-
14 pealer clause should be repealed. The continued ex-
15 istence of this clause on the law books has created
16 confusion and given rise to unnecessary legal issues
17 in enforcement of these laws.

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