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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1810
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7 H.P. 1293

House of Representatives, January 10, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Holloway of Edgecomb.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Labeling of Seafood.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 605, sub-c. III-A, first 2
22 lines, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 254, are repealed
23 and the following enacted in their place:

24 SUBCHAPTER III-A

25 SURIMI OR BLENDED SEAFOOD PRODUCTS

26 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6111, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
27 254, is repealed.

28 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6111-A is enacted to read:

29 §6111-A. Definitions

30 As used in this subchapter, unless the context
31 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
32 following meanings.

1 1. Manufactured surimi. "Manufactured surimi"
2 means any surimi analogue or surimi seafood product,
3 as defined in subsection 5, which is sold as manufact-
4 ured, fresh or frozen, to the final consumer and not
5 blended or combined with any other food

6 2. Prepared surimi. "Prepared surimi" means any
7 surimi analogue or surimi seafood product, as defined
8 in subsections 4 and 5, which has been blended or
9 combined with any other food subsequent to its manu-
10 facture.

11 3. Surimi. "Surimi" means an intermediate manu-
12 factured seafood product derived from minced fish
13 meat; washed to remove water-soluble protein, blood
14 or other undesirable components; and mixed with addi-
15 tives, containing sugars or sodium, or both, to en-
16 hance its frozen storage and functional characteris-
17 tics.

18 4. Surimi analogue. "Surimi analogue" means a
19 product containing surimi and fabricated to resemble
20 physically crab, lobster, scallops, shrimp or other
21 particular species of shellfish or fish.

22 5. Surimi seafood product. A "surimi seafood
23 product" means a seafood product or preparation, oth-
24 er than a surimi analogue, which contains surimi.

25 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §§6112 and 6113, as enacted by
26 PL 1985, c. 254, are repealed and the following en-
27 acted in their place:

28 §6112. Labeling of seafood products containing
29 surimi

30 No seafood product consisting of or containing
31 manufactured surimi may be sold in this State, unless
32 the packaging or container containing the product is
33 clearly and conspicuously labeled "imitation," fol-
34 lowed by the name of the seafood specie imitated in
35 the case of surimi analogues or "contains surimi" in
36 the case of surimi seafood products.

37 No seafood product consisting of or containing
38 prepared surimi may be sold in this State, unless the
39 packaging or container containing the product is

1 clearly and conspicuously labeled "contains surimi."

2 §6113. Serving seafood containing surimi

3 No seafood product consisting of or containing
4 manufactured surimi may be served in any eating es-
5 tablishment in this State, whether for consumption on
6 or off the premises, unless the menu and all notices
7 advertising the seafood are clearly and conspicuously
8 labeled "imitation," followed by the name of the
9 seafood specie imitated in the case of surimi
10 analogues or "contains surimi" in the case of surimi
11 seafood products.

12 No seafood product consisting of or containing
13 prepared surimi may be served in any eating estab-
14 lishment in this State, whether for consumption on or
15 off premises, unless the menu and all notices adver-
16 tising the seafood clearly and conspicuously label
17 the product "contains surimi."

18 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6114, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
19 254, is repealed.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 The purpose of this bill is to clarify legisla-
22 tion pertaining to the labeling of seafood and to
23 provide for consistency with recently adopted federal
24 regulation.

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