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8 9 10 11	H.P. 1453 House of Representatives, February 21, 1986 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.
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15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
18 19	AN ACT to Repeal the Sardine Inspection Tax.
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22 23	32 MRSA §4156, as amended by PL 1983, c. 85, §1, is repealed.
24	STATEMENT OF FACT
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	Under the Maine sardine laws, Maine Revised Stat- utes, Title 32, section 4156, every sardine packer must pay a monthly fee on all canned sardines and canned herring products which is used to underwrite the cost of mandatory state inspection to protect the health and safety of the consumer of these products. These are the only state food products which are in- spected by the State for health and safety purposes in which the producer is taxed for this inspection.

The costs of all other mandatory food inspections are
borne by the General Fund of the State. This bill
repeals the sardine tax.

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