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	STATE OF MAINE	
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX	
AI	N ACT to Create a Noncommercial Scallop License and to Adjust Fees for the Scallop Boat License.	
Be it en follows	nacted by the People of the State of Main :	e as
<b>Se</b> c 1977, c	. 1. 12 MRSA §6701, sub-§4, as enacted 1 . 661, §5, is repealed.	by PL
	. 2. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§4, as enacted b . 663, §2, is repealed.	y PL
	. 3. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§5, as enacted 2 . 663, §2, is amended to read:	by PL
5. \$33 \$53		e is
Sec	. 4. 12 MRSA §6703 is enacted to read:	
<u>§6703.</u>	Noncommercial scallop boat license; fee	

1 <u>1. License required. It is unlawful for any</u> 2 <u>person to engage in the activities authorized by this</u> 3 <u>license under this section without a current noncom-</u> 4 <u>mercial scallop license.</u>

5 <u>2. Licensed activity. The holder of a noncom-</u> 6 mercial scallop license may take scallops by hand or 7 by use of a drag and may possess, ship or transport 8 scallops he has taken.

9 3. License limitation. In any one day, the
10 holder of a noncommercial scallop license may take or
11 possess not more than 2 bushels of shelled scallops
12 or 4 quarts of shucked scallops for personal use.
13 The holder of a noncommercial scallop license may not
14 sell scallops he has taken.

15 <u>4. Fee. The fee for a noncommercial scallop li-</u> 16 <u>cense is \$5.</u>

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

18 Sections 1 and 2. These sections repeal the ex-19 ceptions to possessing 2 bushels of shelled scallops 20 or 4 quarts of shucked scallops from the scallop boat 21 license and hand fishing scallop license laws.

22 Section 3. Fishing license fees issued by the 23 Department of Marine Resources were raised during the 24 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The 25 fee for the scallop boat license, a new license cre-26 ated as a result of legislative action when the hand 27 fishing scallop license was established, was not raised when other fees were. This legislation 28 ad-29 justs the fee to the same level as other licenses.

30 It is apparent that there is a sub-Section 4. 31 stantial amount of noncommercial diving for scallops in the State. In the context of substantially de-32 33 creased commercial landings, there is no means of assessing the amount of noncommercial impact on the re-34 35 This legislation provides for the licensing source. 36 noncommercial harvesters to establish that inforof 37 mation.

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