

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 187

H.P. 146 House of Representatives, February 3, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative VOSE of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Repeal the Sardine Inspection Tax.

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

32 MRSA §4156, as amended by PL 1983, c. 85, §1,
is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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.

1 These are the only state food products which are in-
2 spected by the State for health and safety purposes
3 in which the producer is taxed for this inspection.
4 The costs of all other mandatory food inspections are
5 borne by the General Fund of the State. This bill
6 repeals the sardine tax.

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