

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 807

H.P. 596 House of Representatives, March 17, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMALL of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb,
COLES of Harpswell, and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Fund the Cleanup of Fish Kills in
2 the Coastal Waters.
3

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

6 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6132, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
7 786, is amended to read:

8 §6132. Natural Fish Die-off Clean-up Program

9 Upon the request of any affected municipality,
10 the Department of Marine Resources shall assess the
11 extent and severity of public nuisance and potential
12 threats to public health posed by natural fish
13 die-offs. The department shall provide technical ad-
14 vice and, subject to the limits of available funding,
15 financial assistance to the affected municipalities

1 in the conduct of any cleanup or other mitigating
2 measures.

3 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are
4 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
5 purposes of this Act.

6		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
7	<u>MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT</u>		
8	<u>OF</u>		
9	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
10	Provides funds for		
11	clean-up grants to mu-		
12	nicipalities affected		
13	by natural fish		
14	die-offs.		

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to provide the De-
17 partment of Marine Resources with the authority and
18 necessary funding to assist towns in the cleanup of
19 fish kills in coastal waters. These fish kills, in
20 the past, have created serious problems for portions
21 of the coast that rely heavily on the tourist trade.

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