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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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Reported by Representative LOOK from the Committee on
Marine Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Original bill sponsored by Representative LOOK of
Jonesboro. Cosponsored by Representative RICE of Stonington
and Senator BRAUN of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT Concerning the Taking of Smelts.**
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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 12 MRSA §6552, as amended by PL 1985, c. 217, is
6 repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This new draft repeals the statutory smelt sea-
3 son, method of fishing and limit on possession of
4 smelts. The smelt fishery has been a viable fishery
5 in the State for many years. Regional variation in
6 smelt management is essential due to differences in
7 geography, smelt populations and traditional fishing
8 preferences. This new draft gives the Commissioner
9 of Marine Resources the ability to regulate the fish-
10 ery in a flexible manner.

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