

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2188

H.P. 1599 House of Representatives, February 3, 1988
Reported by Representative MITCHELL from the Committee on
Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed. Approved by the Legislative Council on July 16, 1987.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested
and printing ordered under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Relating to Shellfish Sanitation and
2 Monitoring.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 12 MRSa §6601, sub-§5, as amended by PL
7 1981, c. 480, §4, is further amended to read:

8 5. Fee. The fee for a shellfish license shall
9 be-~~§13~~ is \$38.

1	Positions	(6)
2	Personal Services	\$168,849
3	All Other	140,365
4	Capital Expenditures	43,000
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6	Total	<u>\$352,214</u>

7 These funds will be
8 used to establish new
9 laboratory facilities
10 in Lamoine, to provide
11 an increased level of
12 monitoring of
13 shellfish for
14 paralytic shellfish
15 poisoning and to meet
16 national shellfish
17 sanitation standards.

18 FISCAL NOTE

19 It is estimated that this Act will result in the
20 following increases in revenues.

21		<u>1988-89</u>
22	General Fund	\$107,200

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill contains the recommendations of the
25 study by a subcommittee of the Joint Standing
26 Committee on Marine Resources relating to paralytic
27 shellfish poison monitoring. The committee identified

1 deficiencies in the current level of the program and
2 recommends that increased activities be funded. These
3 increased activities are necessary to provide maximum
4 availability of shellfish harvesting beds and to
5 ensure State compliance with national shellfish
6 sanitation standards in order to protect public health
7 and safety.

8 In recognition that the expansion of the State's
9 efforts to benefit the commercial activity of
10 shellfish harvesting as well as the general public,
11 this bill provides for funding for the expanded
12 program from 2 sources. It provides for an increase of
13 \$25 in shellfish licenses, shellfish transportation
14 licenses, and hand and boat mussel licenses. The bill
15 changes the percentage from these license fees going
16 to the Shellfish Fund in order to ensure that the fee
17 increases go to the General Fund and that the amount
18 of revenues going to the Shellfish Fund will remain
19 the same as under current law. The license increase
20 proposed will result in increased revenues of
21 \$107,200. The remaining funding in the amount of
22 \$245,014 is proposed to come from other general
23 revenue sources.

24 The additional revenues are intended to provide
25 funding to the Department of Marine Resources to
26 increase personnel and to implement a proposal to
27 increase shellfish monitoring and sanitation
28 activities through the creation of new laboratory
29 facilities in the Lamoine area.

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