

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 89, L.D. 124, Bill, "An Act to Establish an Exemption from the Seaweed Permit for Certain Noncommercial Harvesting"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6802, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6803 is enacted to read:

§6803. Seaweed permit

1. Permit required. It is unlawful for any person to harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell seaweed without a current seaweed permit or supplemental seaweed permit. An employee or immediate relation of a seaweed permit holder may harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell seaweed for commercial purposes with a supplemental seaweed permit.

2. Exceptions. The requirement of a permit shall not apply to:

- A. The holder of a current marine worm dealer's license;
- B. The holder of a current wholesale seafood license;
- C. Any person who harvests, possesses, ships or transports no more than 50 pounds of seaweed a day for noncommercial purposes;
- D. Charitable or municipal organizations that harvest, possess, ship or transport seaweed for noncommercial use by that organization; or
- E. Anyone harvesting, possessing, shipping, transporting or selling seaweed which has detached naturally and is dead.

1        3. Fees. The fee schedule for seaweed permits is as  
2        follows:

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4        A. Six dollars for a resident seaweed permit:

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6        B. Fifty dollars for a nonresident seaweed permit; and

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8        C. Two dollars for a supplemental seaweed permit.

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### FISCAL NOTE

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14        Enactment of this bill results in a loss of revenue to the  
15        General Fund in the amount of \$320 for fiscal year 1989-90 and  
16        fiscal year 1990-91.'

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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20        This amendment replaces the bill. It restructures the  
21        entire section dealing with seaweed permits to more clearly show  
22        the exemptions to the permit requirement. It adds exemptions for  
23        harvesting of not more than 50 pounds of seaweed a day, for  
24        charitable or municipal organizations' personal use; and for  
25        seaweed which has detached naturally and is dead.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.  
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