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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 118, L.D. 163, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Shellfish Licensing Laws"

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

'12 MRSA §6671, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §29, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9. Penalty. Notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 4-B, a person who takes or possesses shellfish in violation of a municipal ordinance adopted under this section commits a crime punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, except that:

A. For taking shellfish from a closed area or for digging shellfish without a license, the fine may not be less than \$500 and not more \$1,500; and

B. A fine for a violation of article 5 must be as provided by section 6681.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes fines of \$500 to \$1,500 for digging shellfish in a closed area or digging shellfish without a license and fines of \$100 to \$1,000 for violations of any other municipal shellfish conservation ordinances.