

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 164

House of Representatives, February 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Senator VOSE of Washington and Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Make Changes in the Quahog Tax Laws.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4711, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

6 4. Toxin Monitoring Fund. "Toxin Monitoring Fund" means a
8 dedicated revenue fund that consists of money collected pursuant
10 to the mahogany quahog tax and established for the purpose of
12 testing quahog beds for toxin levels.

14 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4718 is enacted to read:

16 §4718. Toxin Monitoring Fund

18 The Toxin Monitoring Fund is established within the
20 Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of providing
22 needed testing of quahog beds to determine the degree of toxins.

24 Income derived from the mahogany quahog tax and collected by
26 the Bureau of Taxation must be deposited in this fund. The fund
28 may not lapse but must carry forward to be used for the same
30 purpose. These funds are to be used in addition to current money
32 budgeted by the Department of Marine Resources for toxin
testing. All funds of the Toxin Monitoring Fund are subject to
allocation by the Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish a dedicated "Toxin Monitoring Fund" to be administered by the Department of Marine Resources to provide toxin testing of quahog beds along our coastal waters.