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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document No. 1760 House of Representatives, May 1, 1991 H.P. 1204 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Richard Barties D Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor, Representative GRAY of Sedgwick and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland. 38 STATE OF MAINE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE 1.2 An Act Concerning Marine Research. 3.4 $\tilde{N} \approx$ od dimetra ca istoca inde Healist cae so distincia de como institui de contra con the Gewernor and the legislature a bleeplal echority nessaron ious ko poj gosmal esii teisi (na zsig naidos bus gusmadada

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13128, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 903, §3, is further amended to read:

Research priorities statement. The board shall develop a biennial priority statement and action plan of marine research needs of this State. The statement must be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than January 1st of each even-numbered odd-numbered year, --except--that--the. The first statement must be prepared by January 1, 1991. The purpose of the statement and plan is to quide funding recommendations and activities of the board. The board shall hold public hearings to gain insight into research needs for the State.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Maine Science and Technology

24 Commission

| 26 | Positions | (1.0) | (2.0) |
|----|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|
| | Personal Services | \$25,650 | \$85,391 |
| 28 | Personal Services All Other | 140,525 | 680,900 |
| | Capital Expenditures | 0 | 4,500 |
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Provides funds for, among 32 other items, one policy development specialist 34 position, the marine research grants program through the 36 Centers for Innovation, a statewide data base and 38 bibliography, marine research and operating funds for the 40

research vessel Argo-Maine.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TOTAL

\$166,175 \$770,791

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Current law requires the Marine Research Board to submit to the Governor and the Legislature a biennial priority research statement and action plan no later than January 1st of each

even-numbered year, except that the first statement was prepared and submitted in January 1991. The statement and plan are to guide the board's funding decisions and activities. The statement and plan should be the basis for its biennial budget request in the Fall prior to the new legislative session and biennium. This bill would, therefore, synchronize the reporting schedule with the budget period by changing the deadline to January 1st of each odd-numbered year.

This bill also provides funds for the Maine Science and Technology Commission for research and other purposes.

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