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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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No. 953

H.P. 701

House of Representatives, March 18, 1993

An Act to Increase Access to Clam Flats for Nonresident Clam Diggers.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWERS of Washington, TRACY of Rome, Senator: BUSTIN of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§3-A, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 257, §§4 and 5, are amended to read:

- The municipality shall provide and reserve a minimum number of commercial licenses for-nonresidents-which-shall be-a-number-net for persons who are not residents of that municipality. The number of nonresident commercial licenses provided by a municipality may not be less than 10% 20% of the number of resident commercial licenses provided fer residents by that municipality. When <u>If</u> the number of resident commercial licenses provided by a municipality is fewer than 10 but more than 5, that municipality must provide at least one 2 nonresident commercial license-shall be--provided licenses. When If the number of resident commercial licenses <u>provided by a municipality</u> is 5 or fewer, that municipality is not required to provide any nonresident commercial licenses shall-net-be-required.
- When If 2 or more municipalities have-entered enter into an agreement with one another for joint or cooperative action under this subsection, the combined total number of nonresident commercial licenses for-nonresidents provided by those municipalities shall-be-a-number-net may not be less than 19% 20% of the combined total number of resident commercial licenses issued-for-residents provided by those municipalities. When <u>If</u> the combined total number of resident commercial licenses provided by municipalities is fewer than 10 but more than 5, those municipalities must provide a combined total of at least ene nonresident commercial license---shall---be---provided <u>licenses.</u> When If the combined total number of resident commercial licenses provided by those municipalities is 5 or fewer, those municipalities are not required to provide any nonresident commercial licenses shall-net-be-required.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases from 10% to 20% the percentage of commercial shellfish harvesting licenses that a municipality must reserve for nonresidents. The bill also makes several grammatical changes for the purpose of clarification.