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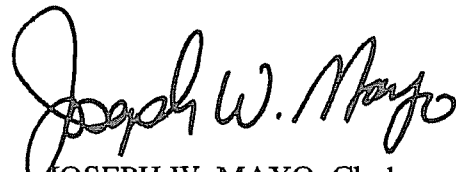
H.P. 762

House of Representatives, March 25, 1993

**An Act to Require Possession of a Maine Fishing License to Fish in Coastal Waters.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish.

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§9,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

**9. Fish, the noun.** "Fish" means any cold-blooded, completely aquatic vertebrate characteristically having gills, fins and an elongated streamlined body usually covered with scales, and includes any physical part of a fish. ~~The term refers to fish living predominately in inland waters, and anadromus and catadromus fish while in inland waters.~~ Whenever the name of any fish, such as bass or trout, is used, it shall mean means the named fish or any of its physical parts.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7551, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Waters covered by provisions relating to fish.** Chapters 701 to 721 so far as they relate to fish of all varieties and fishways apply to fish and fishways in the inland and coastal waters of the State as that term is defined in section 6001, except that a person holding a valid commercial fishing license under section 6501 is not required to hold a fishing license under this Part while fishing in coastal waters.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill requires that persons fishing for both freshwater and saltwater fish obtain a Maine fishing license. Persons holding a valid commercial fishing license are exempt from this licensing requirement while fishing in coastal waters.