

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1993

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In Senate, December 30, 1993

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### **An Act Concerning the Mahogany Quahog Tax.**

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Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 30, 1993. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOSE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARREN of Cherryfield, LOOK of Jonesboro, SPEAR of Nobleboro.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4718, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 561, §2, is amended to read:

**§4718. Contributions; Toxin Monitoring Fund**

The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually the total amount of tax revenue collected under this chapter. The State Tax Assessor shall deduct the cost of administering the mahogany quahog tax from those revenues and report the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit that amount to the Toxin Monitoring Fund established in Title 12, section 6731-A, subsection 5, ~~except that not more than \$16,000 may be credited to the fund in any year. Revenues collected that are in excess of \$16,000 must be credited to the General Fund.~~

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The mahogany quahog industry is taxed for all of the mahogany quahogs landed in Maine, the proceeds of which are intended to pay for at-sea sampling of quahog growing areas for the presence of PSP (red tide). This legislation provides that all revenue not directly associated with the administration of that tax is allocated to the Toxin Monitoring Fund for which the tax is intended.

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