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H.P. 784

House of Representatives, March 30, 1995

**An Act to Impose Appropriate Fees and Restrictions to Prevent the
Out-of-State Transport of Sea Cucumbers.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representative: JONES of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§38-B** is enacted to read:

4 **38-B. Sea cucumber.** "Sea cucumber" means an animal of the
6 genus cucumaria frondulosa.

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6804** is enacted to read:

10 **§6804. Sea cucumber transportation permit**

12 **1. Permit required.** A person may not transport unprocessed
14 sea cucumbers less than 4 inches in length without a permit.

16 **2. Inspection.** The department shall inspect all containers
of unprocessed sea cucumbers for which a permit is requested.

18 **3. Fee.** The fee for a permit to transport sea cucumbers
20 under this section is \$5,000 per container.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill requires a person transporting unprocessed sea
26 cucumbers less than 4 inches in length to obtain a permit. The
fee charged for the permit will be used by the Department of
Marine Resources to inspect containers of unprocessed sea
28 cucumbers. The bill is intended to protect the availability of
the sea cucumber as a marine resource.