

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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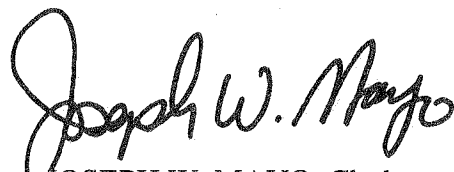
House of Representatives, January 16, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Marine Resources Special Licensing Laws to  
Provide for Test Marketing and Development of New Seafood Products.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAGLEY of Machias.  
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and  
Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LAYTON of Cherryfield.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           Whereas, seafood processors have identified new types of  
6 products with great potential for success and increased  
employment; and

8           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
10 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

16           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6074, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 567,  
18 §1, is further amended to read:

20           The commissioner may issue a special license for research,  
aquaculture ~~or~~, education or the development and test marketing  
22 of processed marine organisms that exempts the holder from one or  
more marine resources' laws as to the time, place, length,  
24 condition, amount and manner of taking or possessing a marine  
organism and laws that prohibit the possession of parts of a  
26 marine organism. Except as provided in subsection 8, the  
commissioner may not issue a special license unless the  
28 application for that license is approved by the advisory council.

30           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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34                                   **SUMMARY**

36           This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources,  
with the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory  
38 Council, to issue a special license that exempts a person who  
wants to develop and test market a processed seafood product from  
40 one or more marine resources' laws as to the time, place, length,  
condition, amount and manner of taking or possessing a marine  
42 organism and laws that prohibit the possession of parts of a  
marine organism.