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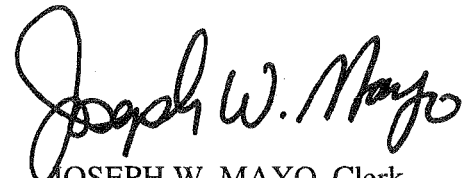
No. 456

H.P. 334

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Return Revenue from Lease Sites for Aquaculture to Municipalities.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PERKINS of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 502,
Pt. E, §38, is further amended to read:

6 **9. Rents.** After consulting with the Director of the Bureau
of Parks and Lands, the commissioner shall determine the rent
8 ~~which--shall--be~~ paid under each lease. The rent shall must
represent a fair value based upon the use of and any structures
10 in the leased area, but in no instance may the rental fee be set
at less than \$50 an acre. The commissioner ~~shall--have--the~~
12 ~~discretion--to~~ may increase the rental fees for categories of
leases. These changes may take effect over the term of a lease.
14 The commissioner also may discount a portion of the rental fee
during the first 2 years of operation of a new lease. This
16 discounted rate ~~shall~~ may not be less than \$50 an acre. All
18 proceeds collected under this subsection must be transferred by
the department to the municipality in which the leased site is
located.

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SUMMARY

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26 This bill establishes that the proceeds collected by the
Department of Marine Resources from an aquaculture lease must be
transferred to the municipality in which the leased site is
28 located.