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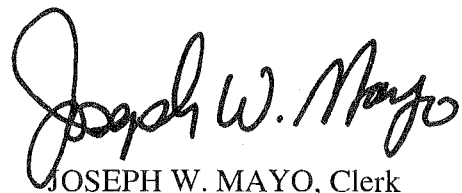
House of Representatives, April 24, 1997

**An Act to Authorize Shellfish Management Committees to Determine
Fees for Clam Licenses.**

(NEW DRAFT OF H.P. 314, L.D. 436)

(NEW TITLE)

Reported by Representative ETNIER from the Committee on Marine Resources and
printed under Joint Rule 310.4.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Original bill sponsored by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and
Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, PERKINS of Penobscot, SAVAGE of Union.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§3-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 784, §6, is further amended to read:

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B. A shellfish conservation ordinance may fix license fees. The fee for a ~~resident license may not exceed \$200~~ and ~~the fee for~~ a nonresident license may be not ~~more than~~ exceed twice the resident fee.

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§4, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 390, §5, is amended to read:

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B. Any ordinance proposed by a municipality or unorganized territory under this section must be approved in writing by the commissioner prior to its adoption, except that the commissioner may not withhold approval based on the amount of license fees specified in an ordinance.

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SUMMARY

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This bill removes the \$200 cap that a municipality may set for a local shellfish license. It also states that the Commissioner of Marine Resources may not withhold approval of a municipal ordinance based on shellfish license fee amounts specified in that ordinance.