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No. 593

S.P. 204

In Senate, January 21, 1999

An Act to Promote the Recycling of Fish Scales as Agricultural Fertilizer.

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

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§29, as amended by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §21, is further amended to read:

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29. Solid waste. "Solid waste" means useless, unwanted or discarded solid material with insufficient liquid content to be free-flowing, including, but not limited to, rubbish, garbage, refuse-derived fuel, scrap materials, junk, refuse, inert fill material and landscape refuse, but does not include hazardous waste, biomedical waste, septic tank sludge ~~or~~ agricultural wastes or fish scales to be utilized as agricultural waste. The fact that a solid waste or constituent of the waste may have value or other use or may be sold or exchanged does not exclude it from this definition.

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SUMMARY

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This bill extends to fish scales the same exemption from Maine's solid waste laws accorded to waste resulting from agricultural activities, as long as these fish scales are returned to the soils as fertilizers.

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