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H.P. 513

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act Concerning the Method of Taking of Soft Shell Clams.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.

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

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

6 1-B. Artificial breathing device. "Artificial breathing device" means a device that allows a person to breathe underwater.

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6623, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

10 1. Hand implement only. The fishing for or taking of soft shell clams by hand with the use of an artificial breathing device is prohibited. The fishing for or taking of soft shell clams, except by implements operated solely by hand, is prohibited, except as provided in this section.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill prohibits the taking of soft shell clams while using an artificial breathing device.