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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

Legislative Document

No. 804

S.P. 286

In Senate, January 28, 1999

An Act to Prohibit the Appointment of Lobbyists to the New England Fishery Management Council.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and Representative: SAXL of Portland.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6004 is enacted to read:
4	\$6004. New England Fishery Management Council: appointments
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	The Governor may not nominate for appointment to the New
8	England Fishery Management Council, established under 16 United
	States Code, Section 1852 (Supplement II 1996), an individual who
10	is, or who has been at any time during the 24 months preceding
	the nomination, a lobbyist employed by an entity whose interests
12	are or could be affected by actions or decisions of the New
1.4	England Fishery Management Council.
14	As used in this section, the term "lobbyist" has the same
16	meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A and includes any person who
<b>1</b> 0	engages in lobbying for the purposes of influencing any action by
18	the Legislature or the United States Congress.
20	Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to nominations made on
	or after the effective date of this Act.
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24	SUMMARY
26	This bill prohibits the Governor from nominating a lobbyist
	for appointment to the New England Fishery Management Council if
28	that lobbyist is or has been during the previous 24 months
	employed by an entity whose interests could be affected by the
30	decisions of the council.