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House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

An Act to Amend the Definition of Shellfish to Include Whole Scallops.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§41**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661,
4 §5, is amended to read:

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7 **41. Shellfish.** "Shellfish" means ~~clams, quahogs, oysters~~
8 ~~and mussels and includes shellstock and shucked shellfish.~~ all
9 species of:

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11 A. Clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels, whether:

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13 (1) Shucked or in the shell;

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15 (2) Fresh or frozen; or

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17 (3) Whole or in part; and

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19 B. Scallops in any form, except when the final product form
20 is the adductor muscle of a mussel only.

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SUMMARY

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25 This bill amends the definition of shellfish to include
26 scallop in any form other than the adductor muscle of a mussel.
27 This allows the emerging market for whole scallops to occur under
28 shellfish sanitation regulations that protect the public health
from shellfish contaminated by pollution or marine toxins.