

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 754

House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Restrict Daily Sea Urchin Taking.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MORRISON of Baileyville.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** the harvesting of sea urchins is not currently  
sufficiently regulated; and

8           **Whereas,** declines in certain fisheries will result in  
increased pressure on the sea urchin resource; and

10           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

18                   **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6749-D** is enacted to read:

20           **§6749-D. Limit on daily harvest**

22                   **1. Volume.** A person may not harvest per day a volume of  
24 sea urchins greater than 25 standard totes. A standard tote is 3  
feet by one and one-half feet by 14 inches.

26                   **2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a  
28 civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor  
more than \$1,000 must be adjudged.

30           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
32 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

34                                           **SUMMARY**

36           This bill limits the amount of sea urchins a person may  
38 harvest to 25 standard totes per day. The forfeiture for  
violating the limit is not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.