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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Taking of Seaweed and
Rockweed.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6803, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 501,
4 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Permit required.** It is unlawful for any person to
8 harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell seaweed without a
10 current seaweed permit, except that an employee or immediate
relation of a seaweed permit holder may harvest, possess or
transport seaweed for commercial purposes with a supplemental
seaweed permit.

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14 The holder of a seaweed permit shall obtain the written
permission of the upland owner or the upland owner's agent prior
to harvesting seaweed in the intertidal zone. A copy of the
16 written permission must be filed with the commissioner.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6807**, as reallocated by RR 1999, c. 1, §19,
is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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26 This bill requires a holder of a seaweed permit to obtain
written permission from the upland landowner prior to harvesting
seaweed in the intertidal zone. The bill also repeals the
authority given to the Commissioner of Marine Resources to
28 establish rules regulating the harvesting of seaweed.