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In Senate, January 21, 2003

An Act To Limit Pretrial Discovery in Libel Actions

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: McNEIL of Rockland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

6 12. Discovery. There may be no discovery other than under
8 the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 36, except by order of
10 court upon a showing of substantial need. An order permitting
12 discovery must set forth in detail the areas in which substantial
14 need has been shown and the extent to which discovery may take
16 place.

12 SUMMARY

14 This bill limits pretrial discovery in libel actions under
16 the marine resources laws to the same extent as civil discovery
18 is limited in forfeiture actions brought under the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 15, section 5822.