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House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

### An Act To Provide Flexibility for Sea Urchin Zones

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and  
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAZUREK of  
Rockland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: DAMON of Hancock.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6749-N, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Management areas. The commissioner may adopt rules to  
8 define sections of zones established under subsections 1 and 2 as  
10 management areas. The commissioner may adopt rules for a  
12 management area that place limits on a person who holds a license  
14 under section 6748, 6748-A or 6748-D and who fishes for sea  
16 urchins in that management area. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
18 subsection may limit a license holder's ability to fish outside a  
20 management area and are routine technical rules as defined in  
22 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### SUMMARY

18 This bill provides the Commissioner of Marine Resources with  
20 the authority to adopt rules to create sea urchin management  
22 areas. The commissioner may also adopt rules for management  
areas that place limits on sea urchin license holders who fish in  
those areas.