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In Senate, January 9, 2007

### 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.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

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

3 **4. Sea urchin management areas.** Pursuant to section 6749-X, subsection 3,  
4 paragraph C, the Sea Urchin Zone Council may provide recommendations to the  
5 commissioner regarding sea urchin management areas. The commissioner may adopt  
6 rules to define sections of zones established under subsections 1 and 2 as sea urchin  
7 management areas. The commissioner may adopt rules for the sea urchin management  
8 areas that are different from those in place in the surrounding zones. A person who holds  
9 a license under section 6748, 6748-A or 6748-D is subject to these rules while that person  
10 is fishing for sea urchins in the sea urchin management area, and rules adopted pursuant  
11 to this subsection may also limit the authority of a license holder who chooses to fish  
12 inside a sea urchin management area to fish outside that sea urchin management area.  
13 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
14 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides the Commissioner of Marine Resources with the authority to adopt  
17 rules to create sea urchin management areas. The commissioner may also adopt rules for  
18 management areas that are different from those in place in the surrounding sea urchin  
19 zones.