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An Act To Ensure the Proper Management of the Sea Urchin Industry

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative EMERY of Cutler.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CRAY of Palmyra, CURTIS of Madison, EATON of
Sullivan, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McFADDEN of Dennysville, THIBODEAU of Winterport,
Senator: DAMON of Hancock.

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

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CONCEPT DRAFT

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SUMMARY

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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6 This bill proposes to amend the current law to change the Sea Urchin Zone Council
7 from an advisory council role to give it authority to move forward to create a stronger
8 role in the decision-making process and management of the sea urchin industry. It
9 proposes to add the chair of the Sea Urchin Zone Council to the Marine Resources
10 Advisory Council. It also proposes to change the appointment of members on the Sea
11 Urchin Zone Council so that the members in the fishing industry are elected to the
12 council and the members not from the fishing industry are appointed to the council by the
13 Department of Marine Resources. It also proposes to have the council work with the
Commissioner of Marine Resources to change the number of council members.