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House of Representatives, December 21, 2007

An Act To Facilitate the Timely Reopening of Closed Clam Flats

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EATON of Sullivan, HILL of York, MacDONALD
of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, PINGREE of
North Haven, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: BENOIT of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6692** is enacted to read:

3 **§6692. Municipal water sampling**

4 A municipality may contract with a private entity to conduct water sampling in an
5 area closed by regulation to shellfish harvesting. The municipality may submit that water
6 sampling data to the commissioner for the commissioner's consideration in determining
7 whether or not to reopen the area to shellfish harvesting.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill authorizes a municipality to contract with a private entity to conduct water
10 sampling in an area closed by regulation to shellfish harvesting. The municipality may
11 submit sampling results to the Commissioner of Marine Resources for consideration in
12 determining whether or not to reopen the area to shellfish harvesting.