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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, COREY of Windham, GILLWAY of
Searsport, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

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

5 This bill proposes to address the problem of marine debris resulting from commercial
6 activities such as commercial fishing and aquaculture. The bill will use current
7 knowledge, information and data generated by previous meetings and conferences and
8 scientific publications along with accepted fishing and aquaculture practices to advance
9 an approach to address marine debris while recognizing that healthy commercial fishing
10 and aquaculture industries are paramount for the economic health of this State.