## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 927

House of Representatives, March 14, 2019

An Act To Establish Criteria for a Permit To Conduct Research in the Intertidal Zone

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative BLUME of York.

| 1                    | be it enacted by the reopie of the State of Maine as follows:  |
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| 2 3                  | <b>Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§4,</b> as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §3, is further amended to read:   |
| 4<br>5               | <b>4. Research.</b> Serve as the primary state agency engaging in research for the conservation of marine resources; and engage in all aspects of marine research, including:  |
| 6<br>7               | A. Providing information on stock levels and environments of commercially and recreationally valuable marine and anadromous fish organisms;  |
| 8<br>9               | B. Solving particular problems that relate to the State's commercial, marine recreational and anadromous fishing industry;   |
| 10<br>11             | C. Providing technical and scientific information and support for all department activities; and   |
| 12<br>13<br>14<br>15 | D. Establishing a marine research revolving fund for soliciting and receiving funds for conducting marine research. A marine research fund established under this paragraph may be used only for research purposes set forth under paragraphs A and B and may not be used for research specific to any one company; <u>and</u> |
| 16                   | E. Establishing criteria for a permit to conduct research in the intertidal zone;  |
| 17                   | SUMMARY  |
| 18<br>19             | This bill authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to establish criteria for a permit to conduct research in the intertidal zone.   |