

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 330

House of Representatives, February 16, 2021

**An Act To Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation  
Process for Municipalities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement  
Paid to Municipalities**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 11, 2021. 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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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and  
Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SACHS of Freeport,  
Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6856, sub-§3-D, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 175, §5, is  
3 amended to read:

4 D. A depuration certificate holder shall pay each municipality an amount equal to ~~50¢~~  
5 \$2 for each bushel of soft-shelled clams taken in that municipality under the depuration  
6 certificate. When submitting payment to a municipality under this paragraph, the  
7 depuration certificate holder shall include a summary of reports submitted to the  
8 department pursuant to rules adopted under subsection 4.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill amends the laws concerning the shellfish depuration harvesting process to  
11 raise the rate of reimbursement paid to the municipality by the depuration certificate holder  
12 from 50 cents for each bushel of soft-shelled clams to \$2.00 for each bushel.