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House of Representatives, February 10, 2022

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know
Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions Related
to Research and Aquaculture Leases**

Reported by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§10, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 512, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. The lessee shall annually submit to the department a seeding and harvesting report
5 for the past year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the coming year. Upon written
6 request, the department shall provide a copy of the report to the municipality or
7 municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located. The seeding and
8 harvesting reports submitted by a lessee under this paragraph are considered
9 confidential statistics for the purposes of section 6173. A copy of a report provided to
10 a municipality pursuant to this paragraph is confidential.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the public records exception in the laws governing research and
13 aquaculture leases to clarify that a copy of a seeding and harvesting report provided to a
14 municipality is confidential.