

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 369

House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

### **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and  
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DOUDERA of Camden, HEPLER of Woolwich,  
JAUCH of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §131, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 574, §1, is amended to  
3 read:

4 **2. Qualified holder.** "Qualified holder" or "holder" means a governmental entity  
5 authorized to hold an interest in real property, a holder as defined in section 476, subsection  
6 2, paragraph B or a nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes  
7 include the permanent protection of working waterfront or the enlargement of working  
8 waterfront opportunities for commercial fisheries businesses.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows certain nonprofit corporations or charitable trusts that are authorized  
11 to hold conservation easements to also be allowed to hold working waterfront covenants.