

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 935

(Transmitted from the Revisor of Statutes under Joint Order)

S. P. 460

In Senate, February 19, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Stilphen of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to the Gathering of Kelp and Sea Moss.

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

**R. S., c. 2, § 25, amended.** Section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 25. Leases of right to take kelp and other marine plant life on submerged lands.** The power to lease the right to gather and harvest kelp, sea-moss and other marine plant life on the submerged land and reefs within the jurisdiction of this state ~~seaward of mean~~ **beyond the** low water mark, and east of 69° 45' west longitude, is hereby vested in the governor and council, who shall have authority to make leases to such persons, **firms or corporations**, and upon such terms and for such length of time, except as hereinafter limited, as they may prescribe.

No lease shall be executed **until the owner of any upland on which said submerged lands or reef border has been notified and such owner has been given the first right to obtain such lease and no lease, shall be executed** for a period of ~~over~~ **longer than** 30 years, but any lease executed as herein provided may be renewed by the lessee for a further period to be fixed by the parties **but not in excess of 30 years more.**

The rental to be paid to the state for ~~these rights~~ **such lease** shall not be

less than \$3 per annum per square mile of territory covered by said lease ~~and~~, **such rental** shall be determined by the governor and council.

The lessee, **when making an application for such lease**, shall file with the ~~secretary of state~~ **governor and council** a ~~plot~~ **plan** showing the location of the territory desired to be leased, with the boundaries ~~located thereon~~ **thereof, and such lease when granted shall set forth such boundaries in detail, and such lease shall be recorded in the office of the secretary of state.'**