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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Taking of Clams, Quahogs, Mussels, Clam-worms and  
Blood-worms in the Towns of Cushing and Friendship.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, it is vitally necessary to protect our natural resources and the livelihood of the people of Maine derived therefrom; and

Whereas, legislation is necessary to prevent the depletion from certain coastal flats of clams, quahogs, mussels and worms; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

**Taking of clams, quahogs, mussels, clam-worms and blood-worms in towns of Cushing and Friendship; penalty.** No person, except as provided in this chapter, shall dig or take any clams, quahogs, mussels, clam-worms and blood-worms, for commercial purposes, in the towns of Cushing and Friendship in the county of Knox, until he has procured a municipal license therefor.

The municipal officers of their respective towns of Cushing and Friendship are authorized to issue such licenses to legal residents of the towns and to fix a \$1 fee therefor. Such license shall entitle the person holding such license to dig or take clams, quahogs, mussels, clam-worms and blood-worms for commercial purposes in either or both towns of Cushing and Friendship. A resident shall be considered a person who has lived in the state 6 months and in the town 3 months.

Any person may, without such license, dig or take clams, quahogs, and mussels for use as food, provided that the amount of clams, quahogs or mussels so taken shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel per day.

Any person may, without such license, dig or take clams, mussels, for use as bait in an amount not to exceed 1 bushel per day.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.