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Received by unanimous consent. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tevanian of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT Relating to Definition of Fish Under Weights and Measures Law.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, uncertainty has arisen concerning interpretation of the word fish for the purpose of sale and enforcement under the Weights and Measures Law; and

Whereas, the word fish is differentiated from shellfish and lobster under sea and shore fisheries laws and regulations; and

Whereas, the sale of shellfish and lobster has been transacted on a basis contrary to the provisions of the present Weights and Measures Law; and

Whereas, there is difficulty in determining how and in what manner the Weights and Measures Law shall be applied to such sales; and

Whereas, summer retail outlets handling large volumes of such sales will soon be in operation; and

Whereas, difficulties of legal interpretation should not properly be permitted to harbor impediments to the consumation of such essential and necessary business; 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:

**R. S., c. 32-A, § 32, amended.** Section 32 of chapter 32-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 260 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding at the end of a new paragraph as follows:

**'The word "fish" for the purposes of this chapter shall not include marine mollusks or crustacea.'**

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