

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER 178

### AN ACT to Repeal the Ban on Otter or Beam Trawls in a Certain Part of Washington County Territorial Waters.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the annual fishing season is about to begin; and

Whereas, this Act permits the use of otter or beam trawls in the St. Croix River above or north of Quoddy Head Lighthouse; and

Whereas, the potential fish catch in this area is of great economic benefit to the inhabitants of Washington County and of this State; and

Whereas, this Act must take effect as soon as possible so that this much-needed benefit may be realized by the inhabitants of Washington County and of the State; 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:*

12 MRSA § 4203, first ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 210, is further amended to read:

From May 1st to December 15th of each year the use of either otter or beam trawls within the territorial waters of Washington County is prohibited except the St. Croix River above or north of Quoddy Head lighthouse.

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

Effective May 17, 1977

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## CHAPTER 179

### AN ACT to Provide Fees for Consumer Education Materials.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Consumer Protection's program of consumer education is supported by fees charged the creditors it regulates; and

Whereas, the information provided to consumers in this State by the Down Easter's Pocket Credit Guide has proven to be of value; and

Whereas, the continued availability of the Down Easter's Pocket Credit Guide to the people of this State is of great importance; and

Whereas, in order to continue to make these guides available and to support this and future programs of consumer education of the bureau, it is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to the bureau; 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:*

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 6-203, sub-§ 4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. The bureau may charge fees to nonresident individuals and resident or nonresident organizations wishing to purchase educational materials produced and distributed by the bureau.

Sec. 2. Transitional provision. Any fees collected from nonresident individuals and organizations prior to the effective date of this Act shall be allocated to the account of the Bureau of Consumer Protection for its use in consumer education programs.

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

Effective May 18, 1977

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## CHAPTER 180

**AN ACT to Require Telephone Companies to List the Names of a Customer's Spouse in the Telephone Directory if the Spouse so Chooses.**

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 2359 is enacted to read:

§ 2359. Telephone directories

When a telephone company publishes a directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers for distribution to its customers or others it shall, at the request of a customer, include in the directory the full name of the customer, the first name of one other person bearing the customer's last name, the cus-