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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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CHAPTER 589

H.P. 1505 - L.D. 2127

**An Act to Amend the Nonresident
Municipal Shellfish License Fee**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§3-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 1997, c. 247, §1, is repealed and the following enacted to read:

B. A shellfish conservation ordinance may fix license fees as follows.

(1) If the ordinance sets a fee of \$200 or less for a resident license, the fee for a non-resident license may not exceed twice the resident fee.

(2) If the ordinance sets a fee of more than \$200 for a resident license, the fee for a nonresident license may not exceed 1 1/2 times the resident fee.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.

Effective January 1, 1999.

CHAPTER 590

H.P. 1373 - L.D. 1922

**An Act to Expand the Uses of the
Economic Opportunity Fund**

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

Whereas, grants from the Economic Opportunity Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13090-A are limited to municipalities; and

Whereas, the Department of Economic and Community Development anticipates the receipt of approximately \$100,000 from the sale of a building financed under the community industrial building program that is required to be deposited into the Economic Opportunity Fund; and

Whereas, the Department of Economic and Community Development anticipates that it will receive a \$250,000 federal grant for a statewide mature industries economic conversion effort and that

grant will require a cash match prior to July of 1998; and

Whereas, in the absence of this Act, the Department of Economic and Community Development will be unable to utilize the anticipated receipts to the Economic Opportunity Fund for match purposes; and

Whereas, unless this Act is effective immediately, this important federal grant would be jeopardized due to the Department of Economic and Community Development's inability to provide matching funds to local and regional nonprofit organizations; 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. 5 MRSA §13090-B, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Nonprofit organizations. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, for fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, the department, upon application, may provide grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations up to a total amount of \$100,000 for the 2 years combined. This subsection is repealed July 1, 1999.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Economic Conversion Division

All Other	\$250,000
Allocates funds to authorize the expenditure of new federal funds for grants to assist statewide mature industries economic conversion efforts.	