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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

an Inspection Tax of between 8¢ and 20¢ per case of sardines and 5¢ to 13¢ per case of kippers and steaks to fund this program. They also are subject to a Sardine Excise Tax of 30¢ per case to fund the activities of the Maine Sardine Council. The original bill proposed to repeal the inspection tax, and have the costs picked up by the General Fund. After much back and forth, a compromise position was reached and is embodied in the new bill.

The Maine Sardine Council proposed to change the sardine inspection program in three basic ways:

1. Cost-share the inspection program between the sardine industry and the General Fund. The sardine inspection tax would be reduced from the current 15¢ to 20¢ per case rate to 8¢ to 15¢ per case.
2. The Maine Sardine Council would take over from the Department of Agriculture establishing grades for sardines, steaks and kippers. The Department of Agriculture would retain their authority to embargo goods.
3. The sardine excise tax would increase by 5¢ per case to 35¢ per case to fund personnel within the Maine Sardine Council to implement the grading program.

The fiscal note was changed by House Amendment A to more accurately reflect the General Fund allocation needed to fund the program. However, this bill did not receive any funding.

LD	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE WASTE	PL 1987
1751	WATER DISCHARGE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR	c. 372
	OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF MARINE AQUACULTURE	EMERGENCY
	OPERATIONS.	

Sponsor: PERKINS, Look, Vose, Moholland
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1439

SUMMARY: This bill sought to exempt aquaculture activities from acquiring a waste water discharge license for food or medicinal substances, requiring certification from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) instead. The certification process differs from the licensing in that there is no period for public comment (presumably this would be covered during public hearings for the lease), there is no license fee, certification does not lapse or need to be renewed unless the activities on the lease change, and the process takes two to four weeks versus fourteen to sixteen weeks. DEP review for licensing and certification would not differ.