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**LD 1864 An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 286 provides a time-limited exemption to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4353, subsection 4, paragraph A to allow any person in the State whose dock, pier or wharf was damaged by the severe storms and flooding that occurred from January 9, 2024 to January 13, 2024, to, no later than December 31, 2027, petition a municipality's board of appeals for and be granted a variance from a municipal shoreland zoning ordinance or a municipal floodplain management ordinance, even if the land on which the structure is located was not damaged to such an extent that it yields no reasonable return, so that the person may conduct repairs on those structures and may do so in time to take advantage of federal funds available pursuant to an emergency declaration.

Public Law 2025, chapter 286 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.