



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 617

LR 1489(01)

## An Act To Allow the Sale of Saltwater Smelt for Bait

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: No

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Minor savings - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class E crimes.

A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow the holder of a Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) issued wholesale smelt license to also sell smelt taken from the coastal waters of the State without having to obtain a Commerical Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License from the Department of Marine Resources (DMR).

It is anticipated that this change will have little impact on the DIFW, but may reduce the number of licenses issued by the DMR. Currently there is no count of how many dealers have purchased both licenses, but it is not anticipated that the number of licenses sold by DMR will be reduced significantly. As a result, any decrease in General Fund revenue from license fees and decrease in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue from surcharge fees will be minor.