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**An Act To Establish Criteria for a Permit To Conduct Research in
the Intertidal Zone**

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLUME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Research.** Serve as the primary state agency engaging in research for the
5 conservation of marine resources; and engage in all aspects of marine research, including:

6 A. Providing information on stock levels and environments of commercially and
7 recreationally valuable marine and anadromous fish organisms;

8 B. Solving particular problems that relate to the State's commercial, marine
9 recreational and anadromous fishing industry;

10 C. Providing technical and scientific information and support for all department
11 activities; ~~and~~

12 D. Establishing a marine research revolving fund for soliciting and receiving funds
13 for conducting marine research. A marine research fund established under this
14 paragraph may be used only for research purposes set forth under paragraphs A and B
15 and may not be used for research specific to any one company; and

16 E. Establishing criteria for a permit to conduct research in the intertidal zone;

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to establish criteria for a
19 permit to conduct research in the intertidal zone.