

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 987 - L.D. 1503

**An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶W**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 296, §4, is further amended to read:

W. A commercial green crab only license issued under section 6808 expires on April 30th of each year; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶X**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 296, §5, is amended to read:

X. An aquaculture license issued under section 6810-B expires on April 30th of each year; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶Y** is enacted to read:

Y. A green crab only wholesale dealer license issued under section 6866 expires on March 31st of each year.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6866** is enacted to read:

**§6866. Green crab only wholesale dealer license**

**1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, "green crab" means the species *Carcinus maenas*.

**2. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current:

A. Green crab only wholesale dealer license established by this section; or

B. Wholesale seafood license pursuant to section 6851.

**3. License activities.** The holder of a green crab only wholesale dealer license may, in wholesale trade, buy, sell, process, ship or transport green crabs purchased directly from harvesters in this State. A holder of a green crab only wholesale dealer license when buying directly from a harvester may buy only from a harvester who possesses a license or permit to harvest green crabs required under this Part. The harvester shall make the applicable

marine resources license or permit available for inspection upon the green crab only wholesale dealer license holder's request.

**4. License fee.** The fee for a green crab only wholesale dealer license is \$50. The license fee must be deposited in the Green Crab Management Fund established in section 6809.

**5. License limited.** A license under this section authorizes activities at only one establishment or with only one vehicle.

**6. Violation.** A person who engages in activities authorized under subsection 3 without a license specified in subsection 2 is subject to a penalty established by the department. The department may revoke or suspend a green crab only wholesale dealer license for violation of this section.

**7. Sunset.** This section is repealed January 1, 2031.

**8. Review.** Prior to the repeal of this section pursuant to subsection 6, the department shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of the green crab only wholesale dealer license and submit a report to the 134th Legislature in 2030. The report must include the department's recommendations concerning possible continuation or modification of the green crab only wholesale dealer license.