

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

S.P. 574 - L.D. 1725

**An Act To Create a Minimum Age To Hold a Limited-purpose Aquaculture License**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, in order to avoid an influx of applications for limited-purpose aquaculture licenses by individuals who are under 12 years of age, this legislation needs to become effective before 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 159, §6, is further amended to read:

**3. Eligibility.** A limited-purpose aquaculture license may be issued only to an individual who is 12 years of age or older or to a municipal shellfish management committee established pursuant to section 6671 that has met any requirements established under subsection 3-A.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.