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An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6073, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 876, §1, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6073, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §10, is
4 further amended to read:

5 **3. Penalty.** ~~Any A~~ person ~~who violates subsection 2-A or~~ who knowingly and
6 willfully violates subsection 2 is guilty of a Class D crime, except that, notwithstanding
7 Title 17-A, sections 4-A, 1704 and 1705, the court shall impose a fine of not less than
8 \$1,000 and restitution may be ordered made to the owner of the lease in an amount set by
9 the court pursuant to Title 17-A, chapter 69.

10 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6863**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 509, §10, is repealed.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill repeals the provisions regarding the cultchless American oyster growers
13 license.