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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AQUATIC ANIMALS AS FOOD AND THE
TAKING OF SCALLOPS FROM THE NIAN TIC RIVER."**

1 Strike section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) (1) "Aquaculture
3 producer" means any person who engages in the controlled rearing,
4 cultivation and harvesting of aquatic animals in land-based or marine-
5 based culture systems, tanks, containers, impoundments, floating or
6 submerged nets or pens and ponds.

7 (2) "Aquatic animals" means fresh or saltwater finfish, crustaceans
8 and other forms of aquatic life, including jellyfish, sea cucumber and
9 sea urchin, and the roe of such animals, and all mollusks, which are
10 intended for human consumption. "Aquatic animals" does not include
11 birds or mammals.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall license and inspect
13 aquaculture producers. The commissioner may prescribe the length of

14 term, fee and application for such license. To receive an aquaculture
15 producer license from the commissioner, each aquaculture producer
16 shall: (1) Possess a registration with the United States Food and Drug
17 Administration as a food facility, (2) meet all processing standards and
18 inspection procedures for seafood processing facilities, including, but
19 not limited to, compliance with the provisions of 21 CFR 123--Fish and
20 Fishery Products, Subpart A and the United States Food and Drug
21 Administration's Food Code, as from time to time amended, and (3)
22 pass an inspection conducted by the Department of Consumer
23 Protection prior to the issuance of such license by the commissioner.

24 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, in accordance with chapter 54
25 of the general statutes and in consultation with the Commissioner of
26 Consumer Protection, may adopt regulations to implement the
27 provisions of this section."