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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 169, L.D. 370, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Term of Special Licenses under the Marine Resources Law.

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'12 MRSA §6074, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Renewal.

A. The initial issuance of each special license shall specify the number of times the license may be renewed after the initial issuance. Each license may be renewed at least 4 times. The commissioner, with the advice and consent of the advisory council may authorize up to 19 renewals, if the necessary investment in the research or aquaculture requires additional renewals.

B. The commissioner shall annually renew the license on request for the authorized number of renewals, unless the license holder has not complied with the conditions of the license, or the commissioner finds that renewal is not in the best interest of the state. Renewals shall not require a new application nor filing fee and shall not require the advice and consent of the advisory council.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment replaces the original bill's increase to 19 automatic renewals of marine resources special licenses, with a more restricted means. It authorizes the commissioner with the advice and consent of the advisory council, to authorize up to 19 automatic renewals in some special licenses, if the investment in the project warrants it. The amendment also provides that the commissioner may refuse to renew a special license if renewal is not in the best interest of the State.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.

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