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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 137, L.D. 214, "An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry"

Amend the bill in section 5 in §6313 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 3 to 5 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Agent fees. A fee may not be charged for a for-hire charter boat operator's license under this section. A person seeking a license through an agent may be charged an agent fee of \$2. A person seeking a license through a publicly accessible online electronic system for licensing may be charged an agent fee of \$1. A person seeking a license at an office of the department from a department employee may be charged an agent fee of \$1.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in §6313 in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Possesses a valid United States merchant marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard for an operator of uninspected passenger vessel or master or mate captain's license; or'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It removes the license fee for a for-hire charter boat operator's license from the bill and replaces it with an agent fee.
2. It corrects language referencing the United States Coast Guard.

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- 1 3. It adds an effective date of January 1, 2026.

2 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

3 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The agent fee authorized in the bill will result in additional revenue for the Department of Marine Resources; any revenue is anticipated to be minor.