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L.D. 214

Date: 5/20/25 Minority (Filing No. H-215)

MARINE RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 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 corrects language referencing the United States Coast Guard and adds an effective date of January 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 214

LR 356(03)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'B' (H-215)
Committee: Marine Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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

This bill authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to issue a for-hire charter boat operator license with a fee of \$25 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. It directs that revenue from this license be deposited in the Marine Recreational Fishing Conservation and Management Fund. Any additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue generated from the new license is anticipated to be minor.