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L.D. 2024

Date: 2/24/26

(Filing No. H-812)

MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1354, L.D. 2024, "An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6313, sub-§4, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Possesses a valid United States Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard indicating an endorsement authorizing the individual to carry passengers for hire; or'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill's language related to the eligibility requirements for the for-hire charter boat operator's license with language specifying that a valid United States Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard indicating an endorsement authorizing the individual to carry passengers for hire is an option for eligibility.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/17/26 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2024

LR 2626(02)

**An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators,
Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-812)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.