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commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

2. Issuance. The commissioner may issue a permit to a person permitting that person to take and transport within the limits of the State fish taken in the State for breeding or advertising purposes.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12557 is enacted to read:

§12557. Disposal of live baitfish or smelts

- 1. Prohibition. A person may not dispose of any live baitfish or smelts into inland waters of the State.
- **2. Penalty.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.
 - A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.
 - B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

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CHAPTER 344 H.P. 1130 - L.D. 1695

An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶N,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §8, is further amended to read:
 - N. Unannounced execution of search warrants; and
- **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶O,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §9, is amended to read:
 - O. By January 1, 2024, the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, which must include, at a minimum, processes to protect and ensure confidentiality of attorney-client communications and processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality-; and
- Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Persons who are believed to be experiencing sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 345 H.P. 1152 - L.D. 1725

An Act to Require Reporting Regarding County Jail Boards of Visitors

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1651, sub-§4, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 383, §1, is amended to read:
 - F. Each board of visitors shall share copies of that board's annual report with the other boards of visitors of that sheriff's office each other board of visitors appointed pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 2. Board of visitors report. By December 3, 2025, the sheriff for each county shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding the status of board of visitors vacancies for each jail or other county correctional facility under the sheriff's supervision. The report must include, at a minimum, for each jail or other county correctional facility, what actions the sheriff is taking to ensure that the board of visitors of the jail or facility is meeting its statutory membership requirements; what current difficulties the jail or facility is facing in meeting board of visitors membership requirements; how many members are currently appointed to the board of visitors; and whether the board of visitors is inactive and, if so, for how long it has been inactive. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 346 S.P. 687 - L.D. 1769

An Act to Ensure Data Reporting for Temporary Nurse Agencies

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 434, §1, is further amended to read:
- **1. Registration; renewal.** A temporary nurse agency shall register with the department and renew the registration annually. In the event of a change of ownership, operation or location of the temporary nurse