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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
104th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 235, L. D. 291, Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking Smelts for Bait Purposes."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the State of Maine to aid those who are attempting to earn a living from the products of our waters; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid those bait dealers who wish to take smelts for bait purposes during the winter of 1969; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the following abbreviation and figure: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following:

'Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, §2558, amended. The 3rd paragraph of

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section 2558 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 24 of chapter 442 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

All persons dealing in live bait shall be licensed to do so by the commissioner, and the fee therefor shall be \$10 for each calendar year. The license shall authorize the person holding the same to use the ordinary commercial type minnow seine or bag net not to exceed 8 feet in depth by 150 feet in length, in the taking of minnows, snelts and other unprotected fish commonly used for bait purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

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