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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 638, L.D. 1973, Bill, "AN ACT
to Improve Lobster Fisheries."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out all of that
part designated "4-A." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'4-A. Vessel designation. An applicant for a lobster and crab
fishing license shall designate on his application the registration
number of the motorboat from which he shall fish as issued by the
Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety or documentation number
as issued by the United States Government, notwithstanding that the
owner of a currently licensed lobster and crab fishing boat may take
a helper without having him licensed. The owner of a boat may haul
only traps licensed to that boat. The commissioner shall be em-
powered to allow a boat to haul traps not licensed to it when circum-
stances prohibit the appropriately licensed boat from hauling its
traps.'

Further amend said Bill in section 5 by inserting at the end
the following underlined sentence: 'After December 31, 1973, only
replacement licenses will be issued until the number of licenses
is reduced to 5,000.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to license a boat in order to
make a trap limit functional. The amendment also provides for a
license ceiling and repeals the section which prohibits a stern man

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from fishing on a licensed lobster and crab fishing boat.

Filed by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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