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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT, C " 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 empowered to allow a boat to haul traps not licensed to it when circumstances 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 8,000.'

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 from fishing on a licensed lobster and crab fishing boat.

Filed by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

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