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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" 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 make a  
regulation which will allow a boat to haul traps not licensed to  
it when circumstances prohibit the appropriately licensed boat  
from hauling its traps. The commissioner shall not issue a lobster  
and crab fishing license to any applicant, if such applicant has  
designated in his application the number of a vessel which has  
already been entered on another license.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 4 the  
following:

'Sec. 5. R. S., T. 12, §4404, sub-§7, repealed. Subsection 7  
of section 4404 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.'

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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 renumbering section 5 to be section 6.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 6 and 7.

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following:

'Sec. 7. R. S., T. 12, §4461, amended. Section 4461 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

The commissioner may promulgate a regulation for the purposes of implementating this section subject to the approval of the Sea and Shore Fisheries Advisory Council.'

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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