

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-547)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 624, L.D. 765,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Remove Weight Restriction on Black Bass  
During a Sanctioned Bass Tournament."

Amend the Bill in that part designated "§2533-B."  
by striking out all of the 2nd underlined paragraph and  
inserting in its place the following:

'The commissioner shall promulgate all rules and  
regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
section, including, but not limited to: Limiting to 5 the  
number of black bass which any contestant may take, catch  
or kill during the scheduled hours of any tournament and  
requiring that precautions be taken so that, if possible,  
all fish caught may be retained alive and, following the  
close of the tournament be released into the body from which  
they were taken; fixing the maximum total value of prizes  
which may be awarded at each tournament; and establishing a  
fee of \$25 for a license to conduct a tournament under this  
section.'

Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§2533-B."  
in the 4th paragraph by striking out in the 3rd line (2nd  
line in L.D.) the underlined word "shall" and inserting in  
its place the underlined word 'may'

Statement of Fact

This amendment establishes a \$25 fee for a license for such a tournament, corrects language which would have made it mandatory for the commissioner to license such a tournament and requires that the commissioner fix a maximum value for all prizes awarded at such tournaments.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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