

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-204)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 320, L.D. 1077, Bill, "AN ACT to Impose a 4-Quart Limit on the Taking of Smelts Throughout the Entire Smelting Season."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §3801, 1st ¶, as last amended by PL 1977, c.134, §1, is further amended to read:

It is unlawful for any resident of the State of Maine to engage in commercial fishing, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section, except that any person may fish for or take halibut by use of line trawl, or smelt up to 4 quarts, or other finfish by use of spear gun, dip net, handline or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by members of his family without having a license as provided in this section.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §3802, 1st ¶, as repealed and <sup>replaced</sup> by PL 1977, c.134, §2, is amended to read:

It is unlawful for a nonresident of the State of Maine to engage in commercial fishing, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section, except

that any person may fish for or take halibut by use of line trawl, or smelt, up to 4 quarts, or other finfish by use of a spear gun, dip net, handline or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by members of his family without having a license as provided in this section.

Fiscal Note

This bill will result in an estimated increase in revenues of about \$1,000 to \$2,000 because of increased commercial licenses.

Statement of Fact

This bill limits the exception for commercial licenses for smelt fishing to 4 quarts.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.

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