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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 995, L.D. 1184, Bill  
"AN ACT to Create the Voluntary Fish Products Inspection  
Program."

Amend the Bill by striking<sup>out</sup>/all of those parts Designated  
"§4682" and "§4683" and inserting in their place the following:

§4682. Department of Marine Resources; powers and duties

The - Department of Marine Resources is designated  
as the state agency which shall be responsible for cooperating  
with the Secretary of Commerce of the United States, under the  
Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, and the  
Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, in developing and  
administering a voluntary fish product inspection program.  
The voluntary fish product inspection program shall be designed  
to implement an agreement between the State and the National  
Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

§ 4683. Commissioner; powers and duties

The Commissioner of Marine Resources is authorized to enter  
into a cooperative agreement with the National Marine Fisheries

Service to inspect, standardize and assure the quality of fish products. He may promulgate regulations and requirements not inconsistent with National Marine Fisheries Service regulations for the voluntary inspection of fishery products under the agreement.'

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

'Fiscal Note

The voluntary inspection program authorized by this Act will not result in any additional state fund expenditures. The expenses of beginning this program will be met by federal grants and the expenses of the ongoing program will be paid b y those requesting inspection.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the Department authorized to conduct this program from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Marine Resources. The amendment also clarifies the voluntary nature of the program and the need for no state expenditures to carry it out.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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