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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1045, L.D. 1272, Bill,
"AN ACT to Remove the Commercial License of Smelt Fishermen."

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §3801, 1st ¶, as 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 finfish by use of spear gun, dip net, handline
or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by members of
his family, or smelts by use of hook and line through the ice
for any purpose, without having a license as provided in this
section.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §3802, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced
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 finfish by use of spear gun, dip net,
handline or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by
members of his family, or smelts by use of hook and line
through the ice for any purpose, without having a license as
provided in this section.'

amendment Fiscal Note

This / would result in an estimated revenue loss of \$850 because of lost commercial license fees.

Statement of Fact

amendment
This / allows smelt fishing by hook and line through the ice for any purpose without a commercial license.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Marine Resources.

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