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House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. D. Brown of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Bass Tournament Permits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2553-B, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 387, is amended to read:

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;~~ and 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.~~ section.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2553-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 387, is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph the following:

There shall be no fee for a tournament permit, unless the tournament has 50 or more participants or 20 or more boats used by participants, in which case the permit fee shall be \$25.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present statute requires a \$25 fee for any bass tournament permit. This fee is substantial enough so that it discourages small tournaments.

This bill requires the fee only for tournaments having 50 or more participants or 25 or more boats used by participants. There shall be no fee for any other size of tournament.