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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1633, L.D. 1743, Bill,
"AN ACT to Allow Limited Use of Hydraulic Dredges in the Taking
of Soft Shell Clams or Quahogs."

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6074, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977,
c. 661, §5, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence
to read:

No filing fee may be required from a municipality applying
for a special license for using a hydraulic dredge under
section 6623.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6074, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1977,
c. 661, §5, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence
to read:

No license fee may be required from a municipality for a special
license for using a hydraulic dredge under section 6623.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6623, sub-§2, 3rd sentence, as repealed
and replaced by PL 1977, c. 713, §7, is amended to read:

The Except for a dredge licensed to a municipality for transplanting
under
/its conservation program, the dredge shall only be operated
below low water.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6623, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Department excepted. This section shall not apply to equipment operated by the department for transplanting under a conservation program or conducting research on shellfish.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the language. It allows municipalities and the Department of Marine Resources to use hydraulic dredges in the intertidal zone.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources
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