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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Maintain and Improve Marine Patrol Services.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6421, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, § 4, is further amended to read:

7. **Fee.** The fee for the license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$33 for applicants 17 years of age or older and ~~\$10~~ \$13 for those under 17.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6451, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, § 5, is further amended to read:

1. **Allocation of license fees.** Ten dollars of each ~~\$25~~ \$33 fee and ~~five dollars~~ \$5 of each ~~\$10~~ \$13 fee for each lobster and crab fishing license shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund, which shall be used for the purpose of ~~propagation~~ propagation of lobsters by liberating seed and female lobsters in Maine coastal waters.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 6501, sub-§ 5, ~~¶¶ B and C~~, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, are amended to read:

B. ~~\$25~~ \$33 for resident operator and all crew members; and

C. ~~\$200~~ \$400 for nonresident operator and all crew members.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 6601, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a shellfish license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA § 6701, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a scallop license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$33.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA § 6751, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

4. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm digger's license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA § 6801, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

A. ~~\$10~~ \$13 for a resident; and

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA § 6851, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fee.** The fees shall be as follows:

A. ~~\$50~~ \$65 for the wholesale seafood license; and

B. ~~\$10~~ \$13 for each supplemental license.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA § 6852, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

4. **Fee.** The fee for a retail seafood license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA § 6853, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm dealer's license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$33 and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA § 6854, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fees.** The fee for a lobster transportation license shall be ~~\$50~~ \$65 and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA § 6855, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fees.** The fee for a shellfish transportation license shall be ~~\$50~~ \$65 and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$13.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA § 6857, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a lobster meat permit shall be ~~\$25~~ \$33.

Sec. 14. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Marine Patrol		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000
All Other	52,290	67,290
Capital	42,583	27,583
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Total Marine Patrol	\$125,873	\$125,873

Sec. 15. Effective date. Sections 1 through 13 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1982.

Sec. 16. Repeal. This Act is repealed January 1, 1983, unless the Commissioner of Marine Resources has demonstrated to the Legislature, prior to that date, that the revenues raised by this Act have been used for the Bureau of Marine Patrol.

FISCAL NOTE

The license fee increases in this new draft will raise approximately \$125,873 per year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft increases Marine Resources license fees approximately 30%. This license fee increase has been implemented to fund one position in the Bureau of Marine Patrol, and to provide additional support for the existing Marine Wardens. It is the intention of the Legislature that this additional revenue be used for this and no other purpose.