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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 739, L.D. 1022, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Natural Resources Protection Act as They Relate to Aquaculture"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Aquaculture. Aquaculture activities regulated by the Department of Marine Resources under Title 12, section 6072. Ancillary activities, including, but not limited to, building or altering docks or filling of wetlands, are not exempt from the provisions of this article.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

Enactment of this bill would result in a loss of revenue to the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$2,000 annually. However, the department has indicated that this amount would be insignificant and would be absorbed within its dedicated budget.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment adds a fiscal note and amends the bill to ensure that only aquaculture activities are exempt from the duplicate review under the protection of natural resources laws, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3, article 5-A, and the aquaculture lease laws, Title 12, section 6072. Those activities which are only ancillary to aquaculture will still require environmental review under the Natural Resources Protection Act.