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L.D. 1155

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 823, L.D. 1155, Bill, "An Act to Restrict the Use of Lobster Trap Dipping Solutions"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'12 MRSA §6443 is enacted to read:

§6443. Dipping lobster traps or similar gear

No person may dip, soak or treat lobster or crab traps, warps, buoys or cars prior to use in waters of the State other than in a solution of salt and sea water except as provided in this section.

The commissioner may authorize a specified amount of dipping, soaking or treating of lobster or crab traps, warps, buoys or cars in solutions other than salt and sea water for research purposes. This authorization shall be in writing.

FISCAL NOTE

It is anticipated that all costs associated with this legislation would be absorbed by the Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill and prohibits dipping of wooden lobster traps and other similar gear except in a salt and sea water solution. It also allows the commissioner to authorize a specified amount of dipping in other solutions for research purposes. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.