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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1541, L.D. 2126, Bill, "An Act to Establish Licensing Requirements and a Cooperative Monitoring Program for Mahogany Quahogs"

Amend the amendment in section 3 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 2, line 2 in amendment) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "§6731-A." in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 24 in amendment) by striking out the following: "an industry-based" and inserting in its place the following: 'a volunteer industry-based'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "§6731-A." in subsection 2 in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 28 in amendment) by striking out the following: "assigned to" and inserting in its place the following: 'who have volunteered for'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "§6731-A." in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last sentence.

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "§6731-A." by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'4. Rules. The commissioner may adopt rules, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, necessary to achieve the intent of this section.'

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2 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
4 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 Enactment of this bill would result in:

10 1. A potential increase in General Fund revenue in an
12 amount that can not be determined at this time. This increase in
14 General Fund revenue is based on the establishment of a new,
16 separate license for quahogs and basically depends on how many
18 harvesters would obtain both a scallop license and a new quahog
license. This increase in revenue is expected to range up to
\$2,650 for fiscal year 1990-91;

20 2. A potential savings to the Department of Marine
22 Resources. Currently the department expends approximately
24 \$20,000 annually for contractually obtaining samples for red tide
26 testing of quahogs; however, it is unclear at this time as to the
amount of funds available for fiscal year 1990-91. This proposed
legislation offers a sample collection system that would allow
voluntary participation of quahog licensees and therefore the
cost is expected to be significantly less; and

28 3. A potential cost to the Department of Marine Resources
30 for rulemaking. However, the department has indicated that it
32 would absorb any rulemaking costs using existing budgeted
resources.'

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This amendment retains the mahogany quahog license, but
38 establishes a voluntary process for mahogany quahog harvesters to
40 assist the Department of Marine Resources' paralytic shellfish
42 toxin sampling program.

44 (Senator BRANNIGAN)

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