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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 365, L.D. 967, Bill, "An Act Proposing a License Cap to Manage the Lobster Fishing Effort Through the Limited Issuance of Licenses"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Establishing a Lobster Management Task Force'

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

'Sec. 1. Task force established. The Lobster Management Task Force is established.

Sec. 2. Members; chairs. The Lobster Management Task Force consists of the 13 legislators who are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The task force is chaired jointly by the House and Senate chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Sec. 3. Meetings. The Lobster Management Task Force shall meet at the joint call of the chairs. The task force shall meet as often as necessary to complete the duties set forth in section 4. All meetings of the task force must be in coastal counties.

Sec. 4. Duties. The Lobster Management Task Force shall:

1. Conduct a review of the types of participants in the Maine lobster fishing industry, including harvesters and dealers;
2. Review the economic structure of and conditions in the lobster fishery;
3. Review the biological status of the lobster fishery;

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2 4. Review the issues of competition, lobster trap limits,
4 gear conflicts, trawl limits and limited entry restrictions; and

6 5. Consider the feasibility of creating coastal zones for
6 lobster fisheries management.

8 **Sec. 5. Report.** The task force shall report its findings
10 together with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular
10 Session of the 115th Legislature no later than November 1, 1992.

12 **Sec. 6. Staffing.** The Department of Marine Resources shall
14 provide contractual services, staffing and clerical support to
14 the Lobster Management Task Force.

16 **Sec. 7. Compensation.** Members of the Lobster Management Task
18 Force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem and
18 reimbursement for expenses for attendance at meetings of the task
20 force from funds appropriated to the Department of Marine
20 Resources for those purposes.

22 **Sec. 8. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
24 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

26 1991-92 1992-93

28 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

30 **Administration - Marine Resources**

30	Personal Services	\$17,362	\$6,894
32	All Other	23,250	10,500
34	Provides funds for a Project Clerk II position, per diem and general expenses for the Lobster Management Task Force members and required contractual services. These funds do not lapse and must be carried forward until November 1, 1992.		

42	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES		
44	TOTAL	<u>\$40,612</u>	<u>\$17,394</u>

46 **FISCAL NOTE**

48 1991-92 1992-93

50 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

52	General Fund	\$40,612	\$17,394
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This bill creates a 13-member Lobster Management Task Force, which will require General Fund appropriations to the Department of Marine Resources of \$40,612 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$17,394 in fiscal year 1992-93 for a Project Clerk II position, contractual services and compensation for the members of the task force. Funding for the task force is also included in a companion bill, L.D. 1673 "An Act to Increase Fees for Licenses Issued by the Department of Marine Resources." If L.D. 1673 is enacted, then the net General Fund cost of this bill could be eliminated.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment creates a 13-member Lobster Management Task Force to study issues pertaining to the health and sustainability of the lobster fishery and various lobster fishery management tools such as limited entry and lobster trap limits. The task force is composed of all members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The task force is required to report to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by November 1, 1992. Members of the task force are entitled to receive legislative per diem and expenses for task force meetings from funds appropriated to the Department of Marine Resources for those purposes.

Reported by Senator Vose for the Committee on Marine Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.
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