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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1719, L.D. 2404, Bill, "An Act to Assist the State's Shellfish Industry"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6856, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

7. Resident depuration harvesters. When harvesting soft-shelled clams under a depuration certificate, the person holding the certificate shall, to the extent possible, employ one person who is a resident of the municipality as harvester for every person employed as harvester who is not a resident of that municipality.

8. Payments to municipalities. A person holding a depuration certificate shall pay each municipality an amount equal to 50¢ for each bushel of soft-shelled clams taken in that municipality under that depuration certificate. When submitting payment to a municipality under this subsection, the depuration certificate holder shall include a copy of the applicable record and report of takings submitted to the department pursuant to rules adopted under subsection 4.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires depuration certificate holders to pay municipalities 50¢ for each bushel of soft-shelled clams harvested in that municipality under a depuration certificate. The amendment also requires that, to the extent possible, depuration certificate holders employ residents of the municipality in which the harvesting occurs in equal proportion to employees who are not residents of that municipality.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Marine Resources
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