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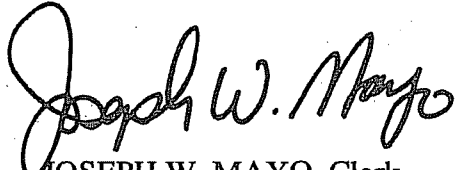
No. 352

H.P. 274

House of Representatives, February 8, 1993

An Act to Amend the Lobster Dealer License Fee.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6851, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL
1991, c. 784, §8, is amended to read:

6 6. Fees. The annual fees are as follows:

8 A. Two hundred seventeen dollars for a wholesale seafood
10 license ~~or--a--wholesale--seafood--license--with--a--lobster~~
permit; and

12 B. Forty-three dollars for each a supplemental wholesale
seafood license; and

14 C. For a wholesale seafood license with a lobster permit
16 and for a supplemental wholesale seafood license with a
18 lobster permit, the fee is the fee established in rules
adopted under section 6851-A.

20 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6851-A is enacted to read:

22 §6851-A. Wholesale commerce in lobsters; license fees based on
24 volume

26 The commissioner shall adopt rules that establish a schedule
28 of fees for wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits that
are based on volume. The rules must take effect on January 1,
1994 and must:

30 1. Establish volume categories. Authorize the license
32 holder to engage in all the activities in section 6851,
34 subsection 2 and to engage in the purchase, sale, processing,
shipment or transport of not more than a specified volume, in
pounds, of whole lobsters, lobster meat or lobster parts. The
rules must establish at least 3 volume categories; and

36 2. Establish annual fees. Set a fee for each volume
38 category that is positively correlated to the volume of whole
40 lobsters, lobster meat or lobster parts authorized by the
license. The fee schedule adopted must be revenue neutral to the
department.

42 Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 1 of this Act takes effect
44 January 1, 1994.

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48 STATEMENT OF FACT

50 This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to
adopt rules establishing a license fee for wholesale lobster

2 dealers that reflects the annual volume of lobsters the dealer is
authorized to purchase, sell, process, ship or transport. On
4 January 1, 1994, the law setting the current fee for a wholesale
seafood license with a lobster permit is amended with language
6 that accommodates the fee structure established by the
commissioner.