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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 710, L.D. 961, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Conservation to Adopt Rules That Encourage Conservation of Shore Plants"

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

'An Act to Exempt Lawful Marine Harvesting Activities in Coastal Wetlands from the Natural Resource Protection Laws'

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. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Lawful harvesting of marine organisms or vegetation in coastal wetlands. A person lawfully engaged in the harvesting of marine organisms or vegetation under the provisions of Title 12, chapter 605 is not required to obtain a permit to engage in those activities in a coastal wetland. Within a coastal wetland, the removal of vegetation or displacement of soil associated with or authorized by those lawful activities is not a violation of this article.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows persons lawfully harvesting marine organisms or vegetation under marine resource laws to engage in those activities in a coastal wetland without a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection. The amendment also clarifies that soil disturbances or removal of vegetation in coastal wetlands during the conduct of those lawful activities is not a violation of the natural resources protection laws.

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