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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 531, L.D. 1559, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Aquaculture"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 381, §3, is amended to read:

1-A. Lease requirement; finfish and suspension culture. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B and B-1, it is unlawful for a person who does not have a lease issued by the commissioner under this section to construct or operate in the coastal waters of the State a facility for the culture of finfish in nets, pens or other enclosures or for the suspended culture of shellfish any other marine organism.

A. The commissioner may grant an exemption from this subsection for legitimate research for a term not to exceed 2 years, renewable upon application. Legitimate research does not include commercial aquaculture production of ~~finfish-or-shellfish~~ marine organisms in the coastal waters of the State.

B. A person operating a facility in the coastal waters of the State, on or before the effective date of this subsection, for the culture of finfish in nets, pens or other enclosures or for the suspended culture of shellfish that is not leased under this section must register the facility with the commissioner on or before January 1, 1992 on a form specified by the commissioner. A person registering under this paragraph must submit a completed lease application on or before July 1, 1992. A registrant whose application under this paragraph is denied shall immediately cease operations at the facility and remove all related structures from the coastal waters of the State.

