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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1261, L.D. 1688, Bill, "An
Act to Increase Penalties for Violation of Lobster Fishing Laws"

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

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'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6402-B is enacted to read:

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§6402-B. Suspension based on 2 or more convictions of possessing
short lobsters

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Notwithstanding section 6401, subsection 2, the commissioner
shall suspend the lobster and crab fishing license of any
licenseholder convicted of a 2nd or subsequent offense of
possessing a lobster smaller than the minimum size established in
section 6431, subsection 1. The suspension is for a period of 3
years from the date of conviction.

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FISCAL NOTE

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The increase of the maximum license suspension period may
result in insignificant reductions of General Fund revenue and
dedicated revenue to the Department of Marine Resources from
lobster license fees.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill.

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The amendment imposes a mandatory 3-year license suspension
for lobster harvesters who are convicted more than once of
possessing short lobsters. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT