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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 685, L.D. 1871, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Importation of Salmon"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, under current law, the provisions governing the salmon aquaculture monitoring and research fund is repealed on July 1, 1994; and

Whereas, this legislation eliminates the repeal of those provisions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 381, §7, is repealed.

SENATE AMENDMENT

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect on June 30, 1994.

FISCAL NOTE

The county jail system may realize some savings from the elimination of this Class D crime, since sentences imposed for Class D offenses must be served in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class D crime is \$8,320 based upon an average length of stay of 119 days.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system, including reductions in indigent defense expenditures. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by a minor amount.

The Department of Marine Resources will realize some minor savings from no longer enforcing this prohibition.

The elimination of the July 1, 1994 repeal date for the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund will not require any additional allocations or adjustments to budgeted revenue. The Department of Marine Resources has already, but incorrectly, received an allocation for this fund in fiscal year 1993-94 and, in a similar fashion, has budgeted revenue for this fund.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment eliminates the July 1, 1994 repeal of the provisions governing the salmon aquaculture monitoring and research fund. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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