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STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 710, L.D. 1918, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Gill Nets in the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§6553-B." in the first paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "size" the following: 'that is fixed or anchored to the bottom or shore'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§6553-B." in the first paragraph by inserting at the end the following: 'Notwithstanding section 6204, a violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "anglers and recreational fishing groups" and inserting in its place the following: 'the Maine Chapter of the New England Coastal Conservation Association, anglers and others engaged in

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2 recreational fishing' and in the 5th line (page 1, line 35 in
amendment) by striking out the following: "voluntary" and in the
4 6th and 7th lines (page 1, lines 36 and 37 in amendment) by
striking out the following: "during the 2 years they are closed
6 to gill netting" and in the 7th line (page 1, line 37 in
amendment) by striking out the following: "voluntary" and in the
8 5th line from the end (page 1, line 40 in amendment) by striking
out the following: "those persons" and inserting in its place
10 the following: 'others' and in the 4th line from the end (page
1, line 41 in amendment) by striking out the following: "may"
12 and inserting in its place the following: 'shall' and in the
next to the last line and the last line (page 1, lines 43 and 44
14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "at the conclusion
of their monitoring efforts" and inserting in its place the
16 following: 'not later than December 1, 1996'

18 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

22 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
24 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
26 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

28 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
30 Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted
resources.

32 The Department of Marine Resources may incur some minor
34 additional costs to participate in a fish monitoring effort and
to report on the results to the Legislature. These costs can be
36 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 The amendment changes the bill to specify that only the use
42 of those gill nets that are fixed or anchored to the bottom or
shore is unlawful. The amendment also makes the violation a
44 civil violation, punishable by a fine up to \$500.

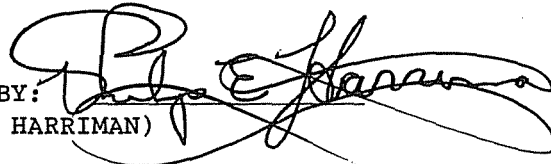
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2 The amendment also changes the committee amendment by
requiring the involvement of the Maine Chapter of New England
4 Coastal Conservation Association in the monitoring and report.
The amendment includes a special reporting date and strikes
references to a voluntary program.

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