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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE 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 bill in section 1 in that part designated "S6553-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 "S6553-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 bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

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

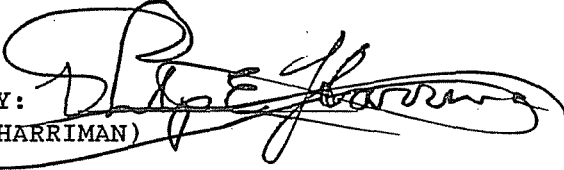
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2 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted
resources.

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

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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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

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20 SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator HARRIMAN)

22 COUNTY: Cumberland
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