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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 797, L.D. 1114, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Possession of Short Lobsters"

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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, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 550, §1, is amended 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~~ license holder convicted of a 2nd or subsequent offense of possessing a lobster smaller than the minimum size established in section 6431, subsection 1 if the conviction of the 2nd or subsequent offense involved possession of 3 or more lobsters smaller than that minimum size and the first conviction occurred after July 1, 1994. The suspension is for a period of 3 years from the date of conviction.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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'FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to administer and enforce certain requirements governing the suspension of lobster and crab fishing licenses for

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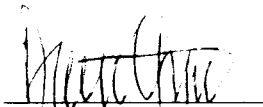
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the possession of short lobsters. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment replaces the language of the original bill. It amends the law concerning a mandatory suspension of a lobster and crab fishing license when a license holder is convicted of a 2nd or subsequent offense of possessing short lobsters and the 2nd offense involves 3 or more lobsters. It changes current law by requiring the first conviction to occur after July 1, 1994.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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