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H.P. 1220

House of Representatives, January 9, 1996

**An Act to Permit Retired Marine Patrol Officers to Enter into
Commercial Fishing.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DESMOND of Mapleton, FISHER of Brewer, FITZPATRICK of Durham, GERRY of Auburn, JONES of Bar Harbor, KEANE of Old Town, MADORE of Augusta, RICHARDSON of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, SIROIS of Caribou, STEVENS of Orono, TRUE of Fryeburg, TYLER of Windham, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, O'DEA of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6025, sub-§6 is enacted to read:**

6 **6. Retired marine patrol officer; license.** Notwithstanding
8 any other provision of law, a retired marine patrol officer may
10 not be denied a license under this Part on the basis of a
12 requirement that the officer possessed a license at some time in
14 the past or on the basis that the officer owned and operated a
16 boat or other equipment for the harvesting of a marine organism
18 at some time in the past. An officer who is retired on the
20 effective date of this subsection shall exercise the rights
22 granted to that officer by this subsection no later than one year
24 after the effective date of this subsection. An officer who
26 retires after the effective date of this subsection shall
28 exercise the rights granted to that officer by this subsection no
later than one year after that officer retires.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill provides that a retired marine patrol officer may
24 not be denied a license under the marine resources laws on the
26 basis of a requirement that the officer possessed a license at
28 some time in the past or on the basis that the officer owned and
operated a boat or other equipment for the harvesting of a marine
organism at some time in the past.