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**MINORITY
MARINE RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 68, L.D. 93, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Requirement That Lobster Traps Have Tags"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Marine Patrol		
Positions - Legislative Count	(5,000)	(5,000)
Personal Services	(\$137,213)	(\$172,382)
All Other	(235,965)	(286,527)
Deallocates funds from the Lobster Management Fund for 2 Clerk Typist II positions, 2 Marine Patrol Officer positions, one Marine Patrol Specialist position and operating costs.		
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES		
TOTAL	(\$373,178)	(\$458,909)

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds (\$373,178) (\$458,909)

REVENUES

Other Funds (\$373,178) (\$458,909)

Repealing the lobster trap tag requirements will eliminate lobster tag fee collections. The estimated reductions of dedicated revenue collected by the Department of Marine Resources are \$373,178 and \$458,909 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively. The elimination of tag fee revenue will require equivalent deallocations from the Lobster Management Fund and the elimination of 2 Clerk Typist II positions, 2 Marine Patrol Officer positions and one Marine Patrol Specialist position.

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class D crimes. If jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor administrative savings from reductions of workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report, which adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.