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| | L.D. 764 |
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| 2 | DATE: 3-3/-97 (Filing No. H-/36) |
| 4 | MAJORITY |
| б | MARINE RESOURCES |
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| 12 | STATE OF MAINE |
| 14 | HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 118TH LEGISLATURE |
| 16 | FIRST SPECIAL SESSION |
| 18 | COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 573, L.D. 764, Bill, "Ar |
| 20 | Act Concerning Regulatory Authority to Protect Certain Marine Organisms" |
| 22 | Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the 4th line |
| 24 | (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "routine technical" and inserting in its place the following: |
| 26 | 'major substantive' |
| 28 | Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following: |
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| 32 | FISCAL NOTE |
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This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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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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The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to the protection of certain marine organisms. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the designation of rulemaking authority from routine technical to major substantive. This change requires any rules developed under this authority be reviewed by the Legislature.

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