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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 921, L.D. 1264, Bill, "An Act to Extend the Lobster Promotion Council and Its Personnel Requirements"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§4, ¶E, as amended by PL 1993, c. 545, §4, is further amended to read:

E. Make expenditures from the Lobster Promotion Fund to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Money in the fund may be used only for the following purposes:

(1) Promotion, advertising and marketing development. The council may implement programs and activities to promote, advertise and develop markets for lobster and make or enter into contracts with any local, state, federal or private agency, department, firm, corporation, entity or person for those purposes.--At least 50% of the money expended from the fund annually must be expended for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph; and

(2) The hiring of staff and the payment of compensation for employees, payment of per diem and reimbursement of expenses for members pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-H and payment of administrative and overhead costs associated with the business of the council; and'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Extending the Lobster Promotion Council will continue the collection of a surcharge fee. The estimated increases of dedicated revenue to the Lobster Promotion Council are \$385,000 and \$395,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively. These amounts of budgeted dedicated revenue were included in base revenue estimates and allocations of these amounts for the council are included in Public Law 1997, chapter 24, section A-25.'

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**SUMMARY**

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The amendment repeals the requirement that at least 50% of the Lobster Promotion Council's annual expenditures from the Lobster Promotion Fund be for the purposes of promotion, advertising and marketing development. The repeal clarifies the Lobster Promotion Council's authority to account for staff time spent on promotion, advertising and marketing development.

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