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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1056, L.D. 1488, Bill, "An Act to Allow Lobster Management Zones to Restrict Entry"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study the Restriction of Entry in Lobster Management Zones'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Lobster Advisory Council shall by February 1, 1998 submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources a report regarding limiting entry into lobster management zones created under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6446. The report must examine methods to limit entry in individual lobster management zones and the potential impacts of those methods. The report may address any aspect of limited entry that is of interest to the council and may include recommended legislation. Any recommendations for a system of limiting entry must include a process under which individual zone councils recommend local limited entry provisions to the commissioner for rulemaking by the commissioner. In conducting its study, the Lobster Advisory Council shall consult with the lobster management policy councils created in each lobster management zone. The Joint Standing Committee on Marine

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Resources may report out legislation regarding limited entry in the lobster fishery during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Lobster Advisory Council within the Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill from an Act to a resolve. It directs the Lobster Advisory Council to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by February 1, 1998 regarding the establishment of limited entry provisions for lobster management zones.