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6	MARINE RESOURCES
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 118TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1063, L.D. 1501, Bill, "An
20	Act to Amend the Lobster Laws and to Study the Feasibility of Basing Categories of Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses on the
22	Percentage of Income Derived from Commercial Lobster Fishing"
24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
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28	'An Act to Amend the Lobster Laws and Study the Issuance of Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses Based on Income Derived from Commercial Fishing'
30	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and
32	inserting in its place the following:
34	'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA $\S6421$ , sub- $\S5$ , $\PA$ , as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, $\S1$ , is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
36	A. Possessed a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and
38	crab fishing license in the previous calendar year;
40	Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:
42	4 and inserting in their prace the fortowing:
44	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶D, as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
46	D. Did not possess a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster
±0	and crab fishing license in the previous calendar year
4.8	because the commissioner had suspended the person's license privileges for a length of time that included the previous
50	calendar year: or

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2	Sec. 4. 12 MRSA $\S6421$ , sub- $\S5$ , $\PE$ , as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, $\S1$ , is repealed.
6	Further amend the bill in section 7 in the 6th line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "lobster"
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8	Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:
10	'Sec. 8. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that affect
12	the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6421 take effect January 1, 1998.'
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16	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
18	FISCAL NOTE
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22	The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to administer certain changes in the eligibility requirements for lobster and crab licenses and to submit a
24	required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.
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28	Certain changes in the eligibility requirements for lobster and crab licenses will result in insignificant increases of General Fund revenue from license fees.'
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32	SUMMARY
32	SUMMAN I
34	The amendment provides that a person may not obtain a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license unless
36	that person held one of those licenses in the previous calendar year. The amendment does not change the bill's repeal of 3 of
38	the license eligibility requirements: injury or medical condition, substantial investment and sternman experience. The
40	amendment strikes from the bill the repeal of the suspended license eligibility requirement. It also amends that requirement
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by allowing a person to obtain a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license if that person could not obtain a license in the previous calender year because of a lobster and crab fishing license suspension. The amendment also clarifies

that the study proposed in the bill pertains to categories of lobster and crab fishing licenses that are based on the

percentage of income an applicant derives from commercial fishing.

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT