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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1597, L.D. 2226, Bill, "An Act to Limit New Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "6421-A." in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "6421-A." in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "year." and inserting in its place the following: 'year; or'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "6421-A." in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph C the following:

D. Possessed a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996, but did not hold a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in 1997:

(1) Due to active duty military service in the United States Armed Forces;

(2) And who fished or lobstered with a person who held a Class II or Class III license issued under section 6421 as a sternman; or

(3) Due to valid personal reasons, as determined by the Lobster Advisory Council.

2 A person who meets the requirements of this paragraph may  
3 apply to the Lobster Advisory Council for a Class I, Class  
4 II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license. The  
5 Lobster Advisory Council may grant a Class I, Class II or  
6 Class III lobster and crab fishing license to a person who  
7 qualifies under this paragraph. A person attempting to  
8 qualify pursuant to subparagraph (2) shall provide the  
9 Lobster Advisory Council with a notarized letter from the  
10 person who held the Class II or Class III license issued  
11 under section 6421 as a sternman. A person who provides a  
12 false report commits a Class D crime. This paragraph is  
13 repealed December 31, 1998.'

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15 **FISCAL NOTE**

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17 This amendment, allowing additional exceptions to the  
18 moratorium on commercial lobster and crab fishing licenses, may  
19 reduce the projected revenue losses for fiscal year 1998-99. The  
20 amounts can not be determined at this time.

21 **SUMMARY**

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23 This amendment adds another exception to the moratorium on  
24 commercial lobster and crab fishing licenses. This amendment  
25 allows the Lobster Advisory Council to grant a Class I, Class II  
26 or Class III lobster and crab fishing license to a person who was  
27 licensed as such in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996 but who was not  
28 licensed as such in 1997 due to enumerated reasons.

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