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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 285, L.D. 803, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Penalties for Violation of Lobster Conservation Laws"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 7 in the last line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1,000" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the 5th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$30~~ \$50" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$30~~ \$100'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5 in the last line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$50 for each lobster involved" and inserting in its place the following: '\$100 for each lobster involved that is bearing eggs and a fine of \$50 for each female lobster involved that is marked with a v-notch'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "impose" the following: 'a fine of \$500 for each violation and, in addition,'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

FISCAL NOTE

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The increases in the monetary fines for certain convictions
4 may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment increases several of the fines for violation
of certain lobster conservation laws beyond the increases
12 proposed in the bill. The amendment proposes a fine of \$2,000
for possession of lobsters that are less than the minimum size or
14 more than the maximum size, if the number of lobsters involved in
the violation cannot be determined. It proposes a fine of \$100
16 per lobster for possession of lobsters caught by any method other
than conventional lobster traps. It proposes a fine of \$100 per
18 lobster for possession of egg-bearing lobsters and \$50 per
lobster for possession of v-notched lobsters. It proposes a fine
of \$500 for each violation of the law against removing extruded
20 eggs from female lobsters plus a fine of \$150 per lobster
involved. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.