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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 452, L.D. 1327, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen Enforcement of Lobster Trap Limits"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6431-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Limit. Before March 1, 2000, the holder of a Class I, Class II or Class III license issued under section 6421 may not submerge more than 1,000 traps. After February 29, 2000, the holder of a Class I, Class II or Class III license issued under section 6421 may not submerge more than 800 traps. If a lower trap limit is adopted by rule for a zone pursuant to section 6446, a license holder who fishes in that zone may not submerge a number of traps that exceeds the lower limit.

The number of traps fished from a vessel may not exceed the applicable trap limit established in this subsection, regardless of the number of license holders fishing from that vessel.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the maximum number of traps that may be fished by a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license holder or tended from a boat is 1,000 before March 1, 2000 and 800 effective March 1, 2000, unless a lower trap limit has been established for a lobster management zone.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT