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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 948, L.D. 1345, Bill, "An Act to Allow Student License Holders to Become Eligible for Commercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§3-A, ¶¶D and E, as amended by PL 1995, c. 568, §1, are further amended to read:

D. An apprentice lobster and crab fishing license authorizes the apprentice so licensed to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2 on that apprentice's sponsor's vessel when the apprentice's sponsor is on board the vessel. A person who holds an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license may not tend any traps unless the traps are fished by the sponsor of the apprentice so licensed. An applicant for an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license may designate up to 3 sponsors. For the purpose of this paragraph, "apprentice's sponsor" means a person who holds a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license issued under this section.

E. A student license authorizes the license holder to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2. A person issued a student license may not submerge at any one time more than 150 lobster traps in the coastal waters of the State. An applicant for a student license shall designate a sponsor. A person issued a student license is enrolled in the apprentice program under section 6422. For the purpose of this paragraph, "sponsor" means a person who

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2 student license and instead requires the Department of Marine
Resources to develop an educational brochure to provide student
4 license holders with a general overview of the laws related to
fishing for lobsters.

6 The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.