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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1275, L.D. 1836, Bill, "An
Act Concerning the Sea Urchin Fishery"

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24 Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
"§6749-S." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in
its place the following:

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'2. Reporting. The commissioner may deny an application for
the renewal of a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin
buyer's permit or a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin
processor's permit if the license holder fails to maintain a log
book or report the data required by rule pursuant to subsection 1.

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Rules adopted by the commissioner to implement this section
are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter II-A.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the
following:

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'Sec. 9. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Division of Administrative Services

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1275, L.D. 1836

All Other \$7,230 \$9,930

Allocates funds to support the activities of the Sea Urchin Zone Council.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00 2000-01 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$7,230 \$9,930

The Department of Marine Resources will require additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations of \$7,230 and \$9,930 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to support the costs of the Sea Urchin Zone Council. The Sea Urchin Research Fund has adequate resources to cover these additional costs.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that if a sea urchin buyer or processor fails to maintain a log book or report required data, the Commissioner of Marine Resources may deny an application for renewal of that person's wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit or wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin processor's permit.

This amendment adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.