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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1684, L.D. 2351, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Possession of Marine Organisms by Aquaculturists Outside of the Harvest Season"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§6073-A." in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "season," and inserting in its place the following: 'time of taking or possessing.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class D crimes. If the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the language in the bill that provides an exemption for an aquaculture leaseholder from any requirement regarding the time of taking or possessing any marine organism cultivated on the leased area. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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