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House of Representatives, January 4, 2001

**An Act to Allow Persons Completing the Lobster Apprentice Program
Admission to Limited-entry Zones.**

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
HONEY of Boothbay, KASPRZAK of Newport, MORRISON of Baileyville.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6448, sub-§8, ¶D** is enacted to read:

6 D. A person who successfully completes the apprentice
8 program established pursuant to section 6422 may declare a
10 limited-entry zone as that person's declared lobster zone.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 Current law limits the number of new zone entrants to a
16 limited-entry lobster fishing zone to a number equal to an exit
18 ratio established by rule by the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

20 This bill provides an exemption from that law to persons who
have completed the apprentice program for entry into the lobster
fishery who declare a limited-entry zone as their declared
lobster zone. Persons who are admitted under this exemption are
not counted for the purposes of the exit ratio or number of new
zone entrants that are authorized for that zone.