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MARINE RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 259, L.D. 308, "Resolve, to Regulate the Harvesting of Horseshoe Crabs"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Regulate harvesting of horseshoe crabs. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall assess the size of the horseshoe crab resource to the greatest extent practicable, by using volunteer data collectors under the supervision of the department, by October 1, 2002. The department also shall determine by October 1, 2002 whether additional rules and a system of licensing for the harvest of horseshoe crabs are required to protect the horseshoe crab resource; if the department determines that additional rules are needed, it may adopt those rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to the harvesting of horseshoe crabs. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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6 This amendment directs the Department of Marine Resources to  
8 assess the size of the horseshoe crab resource using volunteer  
10 data collectors and to determine whether rules and a system of  
licensing for the harvest of horseshoe crabs are needed to  
protect the resource. It also authorizes, but does not require,  
the department to adopt routine technical rules for the harvest  
of horseshoe crabs. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.