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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 359, L.D. 449, Bill, "An Act to Require 2 Runners on Lobster Traps"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prevent Damage to Lobsters'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6433-B.~~" in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "that" the following: 'prevents damage to lobster claws and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6433-B.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Device to prevent damage to lobster claws. A lobster trap must have a device attached to the trap that is designed to prevent damage to lobster claws.

A. If stick runners are used:

(1) The runners may be made out of any material;

(2) The runners must be at least 1/4 inch thick; and

(3) A minimum of two runners must be attached to the lobster trap and the runners must be placed on opposite sides of the bottom of the lobster trap.

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2 B. If a 2nd layer of material is used in lieu of stick
4 runners, it must be layered in a manner that creates a mesh
6 size smaller than the base trap mesh when attached to the
8 bottom of the trap.

10 C. If a device other than a device identified in paragraphs
12 A or B is used, the device must be designed to minimize
14 damage to lobster claws and must be approved by the
16 commissioner.'

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

16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
20 Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted
22 resources.'

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment changes the title of the bill. It requires
26 lobster traps to have 2 runners on the bottom of the trap, a
28 second layer of material attached to the bottom of the trap or
30 another device designed to minimize damage to lobster claws and
approved by the commissioner. It also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.