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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 366, L.D. 468, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Lobster Licensing Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶D, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. B, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Did not possess a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in the previous calendar year because the commissioner had suspended the person's license privileges for a length of time that included the previous calendar year; or

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 397, §3, is amended to read:

H. Has held a student lobster and crab fishing license in 3 consecutive years and:

- (1) Is 18 years of age or older; or
- (2) Is a high school graduate.

This paragraph is repealed December 31, 2001; or

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶I is enacted to read:

2 I. Can provide documentation to the commissioner  
4 demonstrating that the person previously possessed a Class  
I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license  
6 for at least 2 years.'

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

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 Allowing individuals who have previously held certain  
14 lobster and crab fishing licenses to obtain the same licenses  
will increase General Fund revenue and Other Special Revenue  
16 collected by the Department of Marine Resources from license  
fees. The amounts will depend on the number of qualified  
18 individuals who choose to obtain a license; the amounts can not  
be determined at this time.

20 This same change will also increase Other Special Revenue  
22 collected by the Lobster Promotion Council from surcharges on  
lobster and crab fishing licenses. The amounts can not be  
24 determined at this time.'

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The  
30 amendment provides that a person who previously held a lobster  
and crab fishing license for at least 2 years is currently  
32 eligible for the same license. It also adds a fiscal note to the  
bill.