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**MINORITY  
MARINE RESOURCES**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 927, L.D. 1241, "Resolve, to Establish a Moratorium on Aquaculture Leases in Blue Hill Bay"

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

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** a study of the effects of finfish aquaculture in Blue Hill Bay is planned; and

**Whereas,** the effects of finfish aquaculture on Blue Hill Bay are currently unknown; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Aquaculture moratorium. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 605, subchapter II, the Department of Marine Resources may not accept applications for or issue a new finfish aquaculture lease for an area in Blue Hill Bay for a period of 2 years after the effective date of this resolve. For purposes of this resolve, "an area in Blue Hill Bay" means all waters northerly of a line extending in a straight line between Flye Point in Brooklin to Dodge Point in Tremont; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

