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MARINE RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 394, L.D. 1309, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Harvest of Adult Eels"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "taken." and inserting in its place the following: 'taken pursuant to this subsection. The department shall adopt rules establishing a limit on the number of eels that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport pursuant to this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill 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 taking of eels. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class D crimes. If the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload, administrative costs and indigent defense

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2 costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no
longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the
4 collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor
amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment directs the Department of Marine Resources to
adopt rules establishing a limit on the number of eels that a
person may fish for, take, possess or transport. It also adds a
12 fiscal note to the bill.