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House of Representatives, March 8, 2001

An Act to Expand the Options for a Lobster Management Zone.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DUGAY of Cherryfield, ETNIER of Harpswell,
McNEIL of Rockland, MUSE of Fryeburg, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SULLIVAN of
Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6447, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

6 5-A. Eligibility for zone entry by apprentices and
8 transferees. Notwithstanding any other provision in this
10 subchapter, upon approval in a referendum under subsection 6, a
12 lobster management policy council may propose to the commissioner
14 rules for a zone that:

16 A. Increase the length of time an apprentice must be
18 enrolled in the apprentice program to a maximum of 5 years.
20 A proposal to increase the length of enrollment must
22 establish the ability for apprentices enrolled in the
24 program to be grandfathered;

26 B. Require a sponsor of an apprentice to have held a Class
28 I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license
30 for at least 5 years;

32 C. Require an apprentice training program that consists of
34 course work on safety training, current laws and rules and
36 principles of fishing;

38 D. Require that an apprentice may only enter a zone if the
40 apprentice apprenticed in that zone; and

42 E. Establish a one-year, 2-year or 3-year waiting period
 for transferees to transfer into a zone.

SUMMARY

34 This bill allows a lobster management policy council to
36 propose to the Commissioner of Marine Resources rules for a zone
38 that increase the minimum length of time an apprentice must be
40 enrolled in the lobster apprentice program; require a sponsor of
42 an apprentice to have held a lobster and crab fishing license for
 at least 5 years; add a course work requirement to the apprentice
 program; allow apprentices to only enter the zone if they
 apprenticed in that zone; and require a one-year, 2-year or
 3-year delay in transfers into the zone from other zones.