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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

An Act to Waive the Apprenticeship Requirement for a Lobster and Crab Fishing License

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and
Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, GOODWIN of Pembroke, KAELIN of Winterport,
ROSEN of Bucksport, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶C,** as corrected by RR 2001, c.
2, Pt. A, §14, is amended to read:

6 C. Meets the requirements of the apprentice program under
8 section 6422 or section 6475; or

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶C-1** is enacted to read:

12 C-1. Meets the requirements for a waiver from the
14 apprentice program under section 6421-C; or

16 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6421-C** is enacted to read:

18 **§6421-C. Apprentice program waiver**

20 A person is eligible for a Class I, Class II or Class III
22 lobster and crab fishing license without meeting the requirements
24 of the apprentice program under section 6422 if the person:

26 1. **Held license.** Held a valid Class I, Class II or Class
28 III lobster and crab fishing license within the 5 previous
30 calendar years; and

32 2. **Fished for lobster.** Fished for lobster under a Class I,
34 Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license for at
36 least 5 years.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a person who held a lobster and crab
fishing license within the previous 5 years and fished for
lobster under a lobster and crab fishing license for at least 5
years is eligible for a lobster license without meeting the
requirements of the lobster apprentice program.