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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 478, L.D. 1440, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Commercial Fishing Safety Council"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, commercial fishing off the coast of Maine is inherently dangerous and vital to the economic well-being of Maine; and

Whereas, over the last 8 years, 34 Maine fishermen were lost at sea while engaged in commercial fishing activities; and

Whereas, most accidents that result in the sinking of a vessel are preventable; 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, '

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

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2 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
4 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency
clause to the bill.