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L.D. 691  
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**MARINE RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 691, Bill, "An Act To Modify Lobster License Fees"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Reduce Lobster and Crab Fishing License Fees for Persons 70 Years of Age or Older'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. WW, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Exception.** The fee for a license for an applicant 70 years of age or older is:

- A. For a Class I or an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license, \$57;
- B. For a Class II lobster and crab fishing license, \$114; and
- C. For a Class III lobster and crab fishing license, \$170.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Class II crab and lobster licenses, \$62.50, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$32;

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Class III crab and lobster licenses, \$93.75, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$47;'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 691

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and reduces by approximately 50% the fees for Class I, II and III lobster and crab fishing licenses and the surcharges on those licenses for applicants 70 years of age or older.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 691

LR 2121(02)

## An Act To Modify Lobster License Fees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$2,056)	(\$2,056)	(\$2,056)	(\$2,056)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$2,056	\$2,056	\$2,056	\$2,056
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,181)	(\$2,181)	(\$2,181)	(\$2,181)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Reducing lobster license fees for persons 70 years or older will increase General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Marine Resources. Beginning in fiscal year 2007-08, the estimated annual increase is \$2,056. These same changes will also result in an estimated annual decrease of Other Special Revenue Funds revenue collected by the department of \$250 beginning in fiscal year 2007-08. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue collected by the Lobster Promotional Council will also be reduced by an estimated annual decrease of \$1,931 beginning in fiscal year 2007-08.