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L.D. 1811

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MAJORITY
MARINE RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1263, L.D. 1811, Bill, "An Act To Create a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License"

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

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Marine Resources To Study the Implementation of a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, Permit or Registry'

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

'Sec. 1. Development and implementation of a saltwater recreational license, permit or registry. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall develop and determine how to implement a saltwater recreational fishing license, permit or registry for the coastal waters of the State that will exempt saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat fishing vessels from registering under the federal registration program established in the reauthorized federal Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. The commissioner's considerations must include, but are not limited to, the following: what the United States Secretary of Commerce may require for information from a state program to exempt that state's saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat fishing vessels from registering under the federal program; how to implement the license, permit or registry, including, but not limited to, online access and fee payment; the fee structure, if any, for the license, permit or registry; uses for any revenue raised from fees for a license, permit or registry developed under this section; the feasibility and appropriateness of using 10% of such revenues to fund stock enhancement of marine resources; and placing a \$1 surcharge on any license, permit or registry proposed under this section for the creation of a recreational fishing council modeled after the Maine Lobster Promotion Council; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That no later than January 15, 2008 the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report the commissioner's findings and recommendations

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1 under section 1, including any implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee
2 on Marine Resources. The Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources may submit
3 legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment is the majority report and replaces the bill with a resolve. The
6 amendment requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to develop and determine
7 how to implement a saltwater recreational fishing license, permit or registry for the
8 coastal waters of the State that will exempt saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat
9 fishing vessels from the federal registration program established in the reauthorized
10 federal Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. It requires the
11 commissioner to report the commissioner's findings, recommendations and any
12 implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by no
13 later than January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources may
14 submit legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
15 Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1811

LR 2591(02)

An Act To Create a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License

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

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund