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Minority

MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 423, L.D. 585, Bill, "An Act To Protect Fishing Families by Authorizing Certain Transfers of Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6424 is enacted to read:

§6424. Transfer of commercial lobster and crab fishing license

A person who holds a valid Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license may transfer the license to that person's child, as long as that child has completed the apprentice program under section 6422 or section 6475 and the license holder and the transferee notify the department in writing of the transfer and that person is not otherwise ineligible to hold the license. A person may not sell or accept any form of service or remuneration for the transfer of a license under this section. By January 30, 2012, the department shall review the transfer of licenses and shall issue a written report that includes its findings and recommendations for the transfer of licenses under this section. That report must be forwarded to the commissioner and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and recommend whether or not to continue allowing transfers under this section.

This section is repealed October 1, 2012.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report and limits the transfer of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license to the license holder's child. It provides that a person who would otherwise be ineligible to receive a lobster and crab fishing license may not be the recipient of a transferred lobster and crab fishing license and that a transferor may not receive any form of remuneration for the transfer. This amendment also adds a repeal date of October 1, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 585

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An Act To Protect Fishing Families by Authorizing Certain Transfers of Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses

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

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources associated with reviewing transfer of licenses and issuing a written report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.