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L.D. 1322

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effective June 30, 2009; and

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7	124TH LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 926, L.D. 1322, Bill, "An Act To
10	Amend Provisions of the Submerged Lands Law"
11	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the
12	following:
13	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
14	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
15	Whereas, the cap on the maximum rent for a lease of submerged lands is repealed

Whereas, implementing a more equitable rent schedule to coincide with removal of the cap is beneficial to many lessees and to the management of submerged lands and shore and harbor improvements; 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,'

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph E-1 (page 1, lines 16 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'E-1. "Offshore project" means a project that extends beyond localized development adjacent to a single facility or property. "Offshore project" includes, but is not limited to, tanker ports, ship berthing platforms requiring secondary transport to shore, an interstate or international pipeline or cable and similar projects. "Offshore project" does not include a shore-based pier, marina or boatyard or utility cable and pipelines serving neighboring communities or islands. "Offshore project" does not include wind farms, tidal and wave energy facilities or other offshore renewable energy projects.'

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 926, L.D. 1322

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Emergency clause.	In	view	of	the	emergency	cited	in	the	preamble,	thi
legislation takes effect when	app	roved.	1							

3 SUMMARY

This amendment revises the definition of "offshore project" to exclude offshore renewable energy projects. This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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An Act To Amend Provisions of the Submerged Lands Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment '\(\sum ''\)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10		Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$35,000	\$116,000	\$197,000	\$280,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

There would be increased Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$35,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$116,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 as a result of amending the definition of fair market rental value and adjusting rental rates for submerged land leases.